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In the top picture, Rensselaer students enjoy waiting for another meal in the *a la carte* line. Directly above, Mr. Zimmer, Mr. McKim, and Mr. Ryan relax in a festive teachers' lounge as Steph Kronen and Christy Mathew look on. To the right, Melinda Klaus, Kristen Hyvonen, and Tonya Nagel work on the media center computers.



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To the top are students (Jeanne Hall, David Odle, and Greg Grzesik) in one of Mr. McKim's senior classes. Directly above, Christina Harrington, Malisa Heath, and Shannon Baunach prepare refreshments for the North Central evaluation team which visited R.C.H.S. in January.

CHAOS MAGAZINE

Life is full of events and moments which must be recorded to make the memories continue. Magazines like *Time* and *U.S. News & World Report* have successfully relayed the events of the world to interested readers while *Rolling Stone* has informed us on the latest entertainment news. Now, continuing in the tradition of these great publications is *Chaos Magazine*. *Chaos* gives the complete story with the greatest news and events of 1989 and 1990 in this incredible special issue.

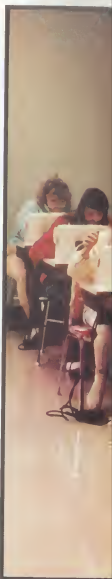


In the top picture, Valerie Erb and Jennifer Putt enjoy an issue of another popular magazine, *Rolling Stone*. Directly above, teachers describe their classes before a convocation of eighth graders through juniors.



In the top picture, Tracy DeWees is assisted by Mrs. Schultz and Heather Scherb in the library. To the left, Andy Gembala investigates biology, and directly above, is one of Mr. Oates' freshman English classes.

...Once again the Bombers displayed their varied interests and talents throughout the school year. They are shown clockwise. Andy Gembala visits with a friendly amphibian during Biology I. Shannon Baunach takes a moment from sewing in clothing class to smile for the camera. Mrs. Barton watches a basketball game while jamming to her favorite tunes. The cheerleaders attempt to enthuse the crowd by jumping up in the air and doing the splits. Mr. Zimmer flaunts his tie-dyed long underwear spirit day apparel. Ooooooooooooo-yuck!! Lyle Freeman slurps down a delicious milkshake from the school cafeteria.





A large group of students, likely the homecoming court or a similar group, posing for a yearbook photo. They are arranged in several rows on bleachers. The students are dressed in casual attire typical of the late 1970s or early 1980s, including sweaters, jackets, and jeans. The photo is in black and white.



In November, perhaps one of the greatest changes occurring in Eastern Europe took place in East Germany beginning when the headline president, Erich Honecker, was replaced by Egon

The saga of events in Eastern Europe seemed to reach a climax on November 9, 1989, when Krenz announced that unrestrained travel between East and West Berlin would be allowed. The announcement made the 28-mile long Berlin Wall, which had divided the city since its construction in 1961, almost obsolete. West Berliners traveled to the wall, scaling it for a night-long celebration, and chipping away pieces of it as reminders of what had been. East Berliners traveled to West Berlin, appearing as a wall of their own, as they flooded to see how the other side of the city lived.

"We have less reason than ever to be resigned to the long-term division of Germany into two states," West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl

Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev generally reacted in support of the democracy movements but President Bush was slow to give much American support.

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IN

SOUTH

AFRICA

Some dramatic changes occurred in South Africa in the fall of 1989, but the most important change of political equality still remained a distant dream.

In August, masses of blacks had marched past "whites only" signs on beaches to be met with the whips of riot police, but in late November, South Africa's President F. W. De Klerk ordered that the beaches be integrated.

De Klerk promised to repeal the 36-year old Separate Amenities Act "as soon as possible" after the parliament re-convened on February 2, 1990, but he seemed unlikely to integrate schools or residential areas.

The president's actions were meant to send the message to the world that South Africans were ready for reform, but 5 million whites still dominated more than 32 million blacks, Asians, and members of other races.

In October, Hurricane Hugo struck the United States at historic Charleston, South Carolina. Hugo left more damage in the U.S. than any other storm in history — an estimated \$4 billion dollars worth of damage.

The return to normalcy was slow and painstaking. Conflict arose between local authorities and the national government in Washington over the amount of relief the areas needed. Even a week after the storm, many portions of South Carolina were unable to acquire needed supplies, and 200,000 people were still without power.

But, conditions were even worse in the Caribbean areas which had been struck earlier. Because many of the people on these poverty-stricken islands lacked sturdy homes, numbers of them were killed in the storm. The cities were left unpartolled as the army and police tried to help the injured and displaced; in their absence, looting from stores remained unchecked.

Aid from the U.S. to these islands was also slow and minimal. Only limited amounts of money and supplies were sent, and U.S. officials were reluctant to send American soldiers to patrol the streets.

WORLD

The end of the 1980's saw an upsurge in environmental concerns both in the U.S. and around the world. Trash in industrial countries such as the United States and Japan was overflowing many dumpsites, and other sites were projected to be filled to capacity within ten years. Citizens in these countries became more aware of the problems facing them, and many were willing to sacrifice some of their comforts to slow down the accumulation of garbage.

One possible solution to ease the burden was recycling. A number of products such as paper, aluminum cans, and plastics could be turned in to recycling plants, an act which would greatly reduce the amount of totally new products produced each year.

Another solution to the garbage problem was the use of biodegradable products. With a larger number of U.S. citizens calling themselves environmentalists, many companies stated that their products, such as diapers and garbage bags, were biodegradable, but those claims were often questionable. Although parts of those

products would break down within a few months (or years), the largest portion of the products would remain for perhaps a thousand years.

Other environmentalists were concerned with the hole found over Antarctica in the ozone layer caused by chlorofluorocarbons in aerosol cans, styrofoam, and refrigerator coolants. The ozone layer is a protective covering over the earth which shields life from the dangerous rays of the sun. The destruction of the layer over Antarctica held the possibility of killing the beginnings of the food chain in the region — the ramifications of which would be felt in the higher life forms in the chain. Scientists determined that even if the usage of CFCs was completely stopped in 1990, their detrimental effect on the ozone layer would continue for over 100 years.

Other environmental concerns plaguing the world in 1989 and 1990 were the destruction of the rain forests in South America, and the continued use of unsafe nuclear power plants.



The cover group for this edition of *Chaos Magazine* is Chaotic Crue. This wild group consisting of Nataliee George, Kelly Jordan, Leanne Spall, Julie Best, and Jimmy Saucedo, gathered at Bayly Photography Studio on January 16, 1990 for the shot.

These talented "musicians" joined together after they were chosen to be on the cover from a lottery held by the magazine. When meeting at the studio, the quintet hurriedly got into costume and chose their instruments. Suddenly, with the help of photographers and a make-up "crew," this group of normally mild-mannered high school students was transformed into a group of rock and roll maniacs.

The only remaining question is "what effect will being on the cover of *Chaos Magazine* have on the careers or future lives of these people?" Although instant fame seemed almost guaranteed, their lives remarkably did return to normal, but they will always hold the title of "Chaos Magazine Cover Group."



Above and to the right is Chaotic Crue members (l to r) Jimmy Saucedo, Kelly Jordan, Julie Best, Nataliee George, and Leanne Spall. To the right are Cubs supplies showing support for Chicago's "near hit" team.



The streak continued.... It had been 45 years since the Chicago Cubs had appeared in a World Series and the streak was still going. The Cubs improved greatly — from fifth place the year before to winning the Eastern Division championship in 1989. This team was inspired by two rookies, Jerome Walton and Dwight Smith, who got the team going in the right direction. The team was also led by some veterans including Ryne Sandberg, Andre Dawson, and Rick Sutcliffe. These players served as the leaders of this team and helped the rookies have a great season.

The Cubs captured the division for the second time since 1984 and finished with a 93-69 record, but the dream season ended as they fell to the San Francisco Giants who eventually went to the World Series.

One of the biggest movie hits of the year actually took place in the summer. The movie "Batman" starred Jack Nicholson, Michael Keaton, and Kim Basinger, and was accompanied by Prince's chart-topping soundtrack. This huge money-maker prompted the infiltration of Batman paraphernalia such as key chains,

T-shirts, posters, and license plates into American society. Although the film contained a lot of action, its success clearly showed the effect of a high-profile marketing scheme and an intricate promotional campaigns.

A touching comedy which became extremely popular with both critics and viewers was "When Harry Met Sally". This

film by Rob Reiner pitted against each other the talents of Billy Crystal and Meg Ryan as the viewer followed their relationship through the years.

Two comedies during the holiday season were "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" and "The War of the Roses". Much like all Vacation films, Christmas Vacation followed the Griswald family, led by Chevy Chase, as both invited and uninvited family members joined them for a destructive vacation.

"The War of the Roses" starred Kathleen Turner, Michael Douglas, and Danny De Vito. The entire movie was a flashback told by De Vito's character and revolved around the tension of the Roses (played by Turner and Douglas) who had initially fallen in love but who would later fight a battle "to the death." The movie was directed by De Vito and told the story in a creative way, intermixing different visual angles and viewpoints, which held the viewer's interest throughout the entire film.



ENTERTAINMENT

Popular music continued to expand artistically in 1990 with performers like Madonna, Phil Collins, the Rolling Stones, Paula Abdul, Milli Vanilli, as well as heavy metal artists like Warrent succeeding in the charts. The spread of rap music also increased with the works of artists like Young M. C. and Tone Loc.

Both Paula Abdul and Milli Vanilli accepted many honors at the American Music Awards, but as usual, some artists concerned themselves not only with the sale of albums, but also with promoting social change. One example of this is Phil Collins's song "Another Day in Paradise".

Although heavy metal and rap groups as well as dependable Top 40 achievers (like Richard Marx, Phil Collins, and Madonna) were popular in 1989 and 1990, some Rensselaer students preferred to listen to alternative music. Since few local radio stations actually played alternative music, these die hard fans had to satisfy themselves by listening to albums or attending concerts.

Examples of more successful alternative groups were R.E.M. and the Cure. Upsetting to some fans was the rumor that the Cure's Disintegration tour would be their last. Other alternative groups named as "up and coming" by Rolling Stone magazine were the Pixies, the Replacements, and the Indigo Girls.

There was a great number of concerts this year, most of them packing in quite a crowd. Surprisingly, many of the concerts were supporting a good cause while providing a good time.

One highly anticipated concert of the year was the Rolling Stones "Steel Wheels" tour. They performed all over the United States, including spots like New York's Shea Stadium, L.A.'s Coliseum and the Hoosier Dome in Indianapolis. Some of the proceeds went to victims of the 1989 San Francisco earthquake.

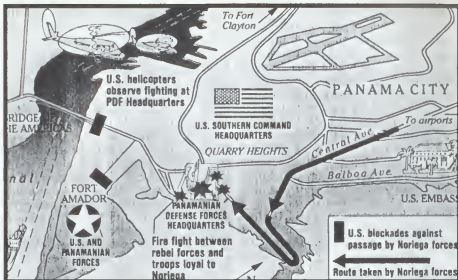
Other concerts and tours were from Cher's "Heart of Stone" album, Paul McCartney, and Fine Young Cannibals with opening acts from both De La Soul and Mint Juleps.

One event marking the importance of the fall of 1989 in U.S. foreign affairs was our relationship with Panama's dictator, Manuel Noriega. Noriega had once worked with President Bush while Bush directed the CIA, but U.S. courts later brought charges of drug trafficking against the dictator.

In October, a coup attempt led by Panamanian Major Moises Fiolridi Vega and consisting of about 100 rebels failed, and President Bush refused to send U.S. troop support to aid the rebels saying that the timing was not right.

But, in December, the U.S. involvement and presence in Panama was clearly recognizable and undeniable.

On Christmas Eve, U.S. troops invaded Panama with the hopes of ending Noriega's regime and bringing him back to America for trial. In the attack, 23 American soldiers were killed and about 300 were wounded; large numbers of Panamanian civilians were also killed — some estimates reached as high as 2000. Although sporadic fighting continued between American soldiers and supporters of the



dictator, U.S. intelligence couldn't locate Noriega. But, soon after, it was discovered that the ruler had sought refuge in the Panama City nunciature (papal embassy).

In early January, Noriega turned himself in to American authorities, and trial proceedings began in Florida. With the invasion over,

questions of the legality of our actions (removing the leader of a sovereign country from power) as well as the legality of our supposed jurisdiction to try Noriega on drug charges were raised.

NATION-LOCAL

Above is a map of the American movements in Panama. To the right is a picture familiar to people who watched TV in the late 80's. These commercials compared the human brain to an egg, and the brain of a person using drugs to a frying egg. Campaigns to end drug abuse were prevalent throughout society.



The fall of '89 can also be symbolized by America's "war on drugs." The war was a combined U.S. and Colombian effort to end the powerful and dangerous drug cartels in Colombia and diminish the flow of Colombian drugs (like cocaine) into the U.S.

President Bush pushed to send \$65 million worth of military equipment and supplies to Colombia's capital city of Bogota, and spoke of plans to send as much as \$400 million to Colombia, Peru, and Bolivia to end coca leaf planting and processing.

In the U.S., Bush pushed for stricter punishment for drug users, sentencing them to longer prison terms instead of concentrating on rehabilitation programs.

On October 17th, an earthquake, epicentered at Santa Cruz, California, shook the San Francisco area. Early reports indicated that the 15 second earthquake, which measured 6.9 on the richter scale, killed 100 people and injured 3000, making it the third deadliest quake in U.S.

history.

Most of the destruction occurred on highway I-880; the collapse of the stacked highway crushed many cars, left few survivors, and provided rescue and clean-up crews with a gruesome recovery task.

With unusual timing, the earth-

quake disrupted the beginning of the third game of the World Series between the San Francisco Giants and the Oakland A's which was being played at Candlestick Park. Millions of TV sets were tuned to the game and viewers witnessed the quake — until the electricity at the park went out.

But the disruption of the World Series was only a minor part of the destruction of the quake. In its aftermath, people asked why I-880 had collapsed when it was built to withstand earthquakes and left engineers with the task of designing structures which would be sturdier.

People across the U.S. reached out to aid the victims of the earthquake and wondered if the same disaster could happen where they lived.



On October 9, 1989, Rensselaer, along with most of the state and much of the Midwest, "enjoyed" one of the earliest snowfalls on record. Although the total snow accumulation could only be called a dusting to half an inch, it was enough to interrupt classes as students gathered around the classroom windows to view the newly whitened world.

The early snowfall seemed to be an omen of what was to come. Although the snow melted away, a mass of severely cold air covered the area in mid December, and an Antarctic winter reached Rensselaer.

Many students and some teachers had been unhappy with the new exam schedules in the fall of 1989; for the first time in many years, exams were to be held before Christmas instead of in January. However, the cold weather (-20 degrees) cancelled school on the last day of finals, and made all finals taken the day before void.

Although the Indiana weather was unpredictable and rather unusual, most of the students who got the break from finals felt that it all worked out perfectly in the end.



Indiana began its lottery on October 11th, 1989, after Hoosier voters had okayed the measure in November of 1988. The lottery was met with excitement by people dreaming of wealth, and although most students of RCHS didn't meet the legal age (18 years) to play the lottery, teachers, staffers, and a few students did try their luck.

But, there was also scandal in

the lottery when its commissioner, Jack Crawford, was forced to resign after details of his affair with (and possible threats toward) a co-worker were made public. However, Hoosiers continued to support and play the lottery in hopes of reaching the television game show and becoming the next "Hoosier Millionaire."

To the right, some of Rensselaer's wacky students prepare for a Halloween on the town. Directly below, the football team tries for victory.

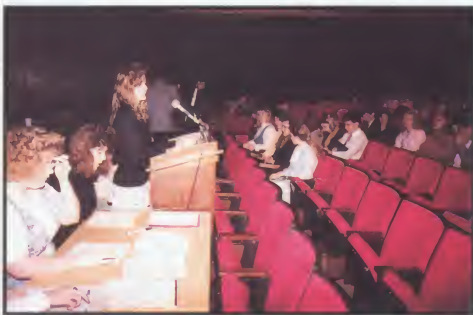


Directly above, volleyball players intently watch the ball. To the above right, Maia Kingman, Jennifer Putt, and Emmy Kreilkamp concentrate on a swim meet competition. To the right, members of the choir perform a rousing number for the students.





To the left, band members perform during halftime at a football game. Below, John Wright and Jana Carroll discuss some school work



Directly above, Tracy DeWees addresses the Mock Congress as Krista Hartley and Melissa Killmer look on. To the above right, Enn Beaver tries for another great shot.



Making the Future

In 1990, R.C.H.S. Organizations

the Thing of *taught what classes didn't* Today

The things that we learn (or learned) in high school are important, regardless of how irrelevant they seem at the time, for our futures beyond R.C.H.S. as students in college or at work.

The organizations in 1989 and 1990 allowed students to both practice trades for future employment as well as to satisfy their compassion as they reached out to help others in Rensselaer and throughout the world.

Organizations like FFA, Health Occupations and Professional Businesspeople Association gave students some of the skills needed in those areas and also allowed their members to "try" those fields "out" and see if that was how they wanted to spend their lives.

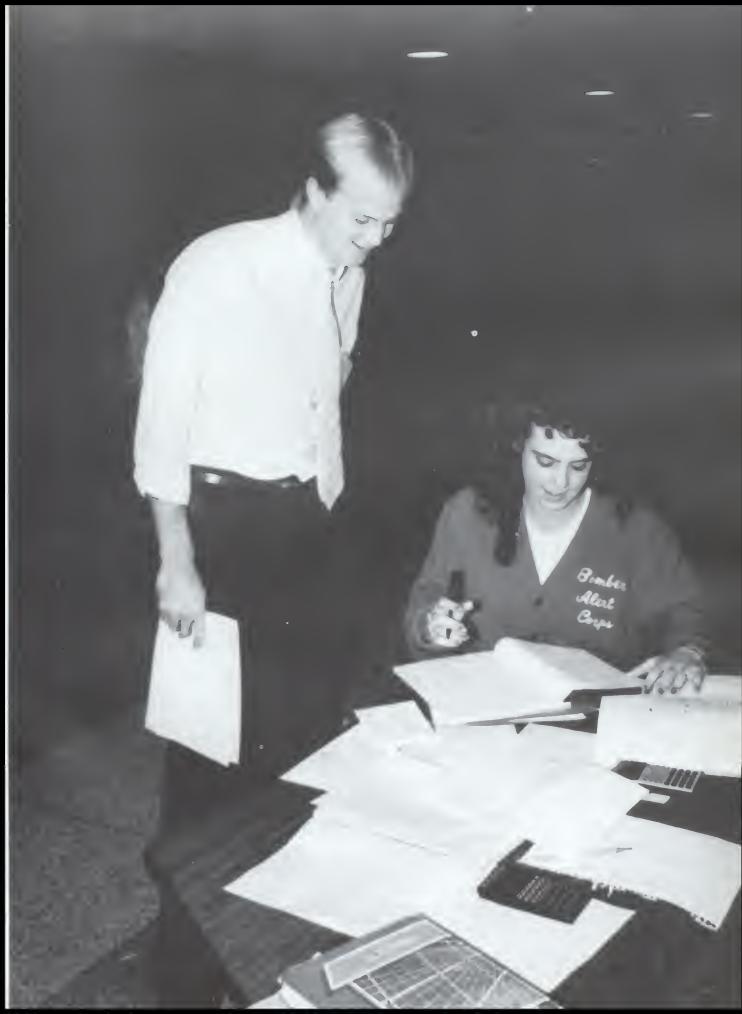
Interact, BADD, and even National Honor Society, as well as other organizations, promoted students to

feel strongly about a cause and to share independent ideas. National Honor Society helped a less fortunate family during Christmastime, BADD warned against the dangers of drunk driving, and Interact promoted recycling (to save the environment) and sent aid to Central American families.

But 1990's organizations were also for fun. For example, Sunshine Society members sang Christmas carols through the halls of R.C.H.S. and Science Club members went camping.

All schools have math, science, and social studies. All schools have sports teams. But the different organizations of R.C.H.S. were unique — just as the students belonging to them were — and made the school of Bombers stand out above the rest.





Chaos Magazine Staff

The Yearbook staff had a very 'chaotic' but successful year, planning the issue of "Chaos Magazine." Faculty advisor William Oates commented on the staff's year "The 1990 Chaos staff came together as the year progressed toward graduation time."

Valerie Erb was not only the editor of the 1990 Chaos, but she also initiated the idea of "Chaos Magazine", the theme for the yearbook. "Chaos Magazine" was modelled after the well known *Rolling Stone Magazine*. When asked about how she felt about the success of the yearbook Valerie replied: "I feel really good about this yearbook, not only because it has more pages than in the past, but also because we really tried to get the whole student body involved."

One way that the student body at RCHS was involved was the yearbook lottery. Every student who bought a yearbook during the special yearbook sale was given one chance in the yearbook lottery. The lottery's

prize was the chance to be on the cover of the 1990 *Chaos*. The students posed as a modern rock group like one that would appear on the cover of *Rolling Stone*. The winners of the yearbook lottery (who can be seen on the cover of this yearbook) are: Natalee George, Kelly Jordon, Leanne Spall, Julie Best, and Jimmy Saucedo. Despite some student opposition to the theme, overall student support was encouraging.

Members of the 1990 Chaos staff were: Misty Crapsey, Jason Harlan, Brandon Keiper, Jerry Chernowsky. Second row: Kim Kronen, Nicole Sykes, Cory Watt, Heidi Eldridge, Jill Smith, Valerie Erb, Tamee Thompson, Mike Allison, Mary Hull, Anne Hopkins. Third row: Emmy Kreilkamp, Gina Leichty, Jennifer Putt, Jeanne Webb, Leanne Spall, Donya Boring, Cindy Fenton, Cheryl Burdick, Brenda Crawford, Courtney Stewart. Fourth row: Janet Shuster, and Sigfried the bat, the official Chaos mascot.





Opposite page. Valerie Erb and Jeanne Webb calculate the advertisements for the yearbook. Pictured opposite Emmy Kreilkamp and Bianca (Maia Kingman) work on the computer for the senior section in the staff room.



Above: Faculty advisor William Oates and Janet Shuster work on a layout at Mr. Oates's desk. Directly left, various yearbook staff members working in the "backroom".



BOMB EXPLODES IN THE 90'S

The Rensselaerien BOMB staff started out on the right foot with the production of their first paper. Then, the staff started preparing for the Special Senior Edition.

The Rensselaerien had a rather disappointing year, only being able to print two papers in the whole year. The BOMB lacked the funds and the support to print the nine papers that were the goal for the 1989-1990 school year. But the staff

looked at it as a learning experience, and expressed hopes for the future. The freshmen of the staff had better hopes for their first year, while the seniors had high hopes for their last year.

The BOMB can inform the students of all the things that go on inside the doors of Rensselaer Central High School, on all athletic fields and all other activities, as well as news in the community.



Directly above: Jenny Snyder and Jill Smith work on new ideas for the 1990 senior edition. Above top right: Courtney Stewart listens intently to Mr. Oates at one of the BOMB meetings. Directly above right: Mr. Oates helps the staff come up with new ways to make money for the paper. To the right: front row, Sherrie Hall, Jenny Snyder and Shannon Greene; and back row, Jill Smith, Emmy Kreilkamp and Courtney Stewart.





NHS: Topping the Charts

The National Honor Society is a group of students who have excelled in academics, leadership ability, and social awareness. In 1990 there were twelve new inductees: Heather Arndt, Heather Baker, Shannon Baunach, Roderick Hughes, Julie Koebcke, Scott Maienbrook, Christy Mathew, Kristen

Moriarty, Erica Murray, Kim Steinke, Nicole Sykes, Johanna White, and A.J. Wortley. Veteran members were David Robledo, Karen Jung, Kyle Hurley, Maia Kingman, Dan Walker, Laura Stelanich, Jeani Hall, Valerie Erb, Julie Prather, and Tara Ulm. Mrs. Baumann sponsors this organization.



In the upper left photo A.J. Wortley hobbles toward the NHS book. Senior members are in the above right photo; juniors are directly above. To the left: Shannon Bauach is inducted by Maia Kingman.

Although often classified as a group of nerds, the academic teams are hard working students. They work for one common goal: to qualify for the state competitions in Indianapolis.

The Spelling Team had a rather rough year. They did not make it to state as they have in many previous years. The team went to area competition in October, but did not score in the top ten, and therefore didn't get to go on to state.

The Academic team did have a good year, though. This year's theme was ancient Greece. The members enjoyed studying about ancient Greece, although it was rather challenging.

The two teams began their quest for the state finals in early April in the area competition. The Social Studies and All-Around teams received a first place and advanced to the state final. Both of the groups received a second place, qualifying them for State Runner-Up.

To the right Jenn Putt helps Jill Smith prepare. At the bottom left the members of the Academic Team: (row 1) Melinda Klaus, Cindy Lane, Dawn Woodke, Jill Smith, Patty Nagel, Susie Lintner, and Anne Craig; (row 2) Jared Hancock, Dan Walker, Gretchen Schenk, Marna Spicer, Mindy Suhr, Eric Eaton, Dave Robledo, Paul Mason, Stacey Daniels, David Groppe, and Courtney Stewart. At the bottom right the members of the Spelling Team: (row 1) Melinda Klaus, Jeanni Hall, Dawn Woodke, Jill Smith, and Valerie Erb; and (row 2) Amanda Plant, Jared Hancock, Dan Walker, Gretchen Schenk, and Oralia Longoria.

Acheiving Excellence at RCHS



Students Help Out



The student assistants are a very important part of RCHS. These students do many things to help the faculty and student body. The office assistants aid the secretaries by doing tasks such as picking up attendance slips, distributing absence lists, answering the telephone, and helping the visitors. The library assistants are very important and helpful to the librarians. These students do things such as checking books in and out, watching the front desk, and entering overdue books into the computer. All of these students worked hard and did their job very well throughout the school year.

Top left: Leslie Staddon collects an attendance slip. Middle left: library assistants, front row, David Hamer, Jason Stowers, Brian Wicks, and Greg Hoyes. Front Row, Heather Scherb, Carolanne Siphema, Brenda Crawford, Missi Messman, and Bobbi Siphema. Lower left: office assistants, first row, Cindy Pack; second row, Jeani Webb, Leslie Staddon, Cheryl Prohowsky, Cathy VarnSessen, Christine Gembala; and third row, Krista Hartley, Julie Steele, and Christina Conrad. Above, Missi Messman helps Kristin Hyvonen check out a book.

Bringing the World to RCHS

Sigma Di Gamma, the foreign language club, gave RCHS a taste of the world in many ways including Mardi gras and candy sales.

At Christmas time some of the members decorated the satellite dish and the area between the library and Mrs. Jungblut's room.

Mardi gras was held on February

26. The evening was very successful with about 50 people enjoying "tastes" from far away places like France, Sweden, Spain and the USSR.

Following Mardi Gras SDG members held their annual foreign candy sales, which added money to their field trip fund.



Photo top center: Jeff Rayburn serves Jennifer Puet foreign treats at Mardi gras. Sigma Di Gamma members: front row, Heather Baker, Chrissy Matthews, Pepper Smith, Colleen Matthews, Stacey Danesh, Shannon Bausach, Stef Kronen, Susie Lintner, Angie Beaver, Miranda Cunn, Kristin Hysonen, and Shawonda Hensler; second row, Tonya Nagel, Teresa Gurwesh, Anne Kuhnle, Mindy Subr, Cindy Fühlsorn, Jenny Lat, Kerry Loock, Erica Murray, Christina Connell, Nicole Sykes and Heidi Eldridge; third row, Jeani Hall, Jill Smith, Mike Maniacalco, Andy Gembala, Jeff Rayburn, Heather Seffren, Anne Craig, Julie Luck, Heather Ullm, Andrea Anderson, Janet Shueter, Kelly Mitchell, and Cindy Fenton; and fourth row, Chrutane Gembala, Angie Lashbrook, Kelli Jordan, Lynn Putter, Valerie Erb, Karen Jung, Paige Anhood, Angie Eckholm, Cara Craig, Seane Beaver, Enn Beaver, Angie Fenwick, and Tara Puet. Directly above: Eazel George samples Russian tea served by Teresa Gurwesh



Interact: Leading the Way to a Better Community.



Interact is a service organization sponsored by Rotary that helps the community with many tasks. The first project the members participated in was helping the Rotarians sandbag along the river so a park could be constructed.

Later in the spring, Interact members

held a recycling drive and encouraged the community to bring their aluminum cans and glass. The money raised from this drive was sent to aid an orphanage in Honduras. Along with sending money, the members sent their old clothes and aspirin samples donated by local doctors.

Left: Interact members Valerie Erb and Maia Kingman work diligently to earn money at their recycling drive. Directly above, group photo of Interact: back row from left to right, Jean Webb, Mindy Suhr, Jenni Snyder, Heather Steffen, Gretchen Schenk, Dan Walker, Jared Hancock and Anne Craig; row two, Greg Potts, Jeff Rayburn, Chad Willis, and A.J. Wortley; row three, Dawn Woodlke, Kristen Hyvonen, Amanda Rodeffer, Melinda Klaus, Amanda Plant, Kristin Monarty, Leanne Spall, Cindy Lane, Valerie Erb and Julie Prather; and, front row, Shawnda Hensler, Treasurer-Cara Craig, Vice President-Laura Stefanich, Secretary-Nicole Sykes, President-Maia Kingman, and Johanna White. Top left: Desi Klopp, Shannon Baunach, Lynn Porter, Juh Lakin, Christy Mathew, Steph Kronen, and Nicole Sykes share ideas about the upcoming Mardi gras.



Throughout the 1989-1990 school year, the Sunshine Society continued with their many activities. The members began the year with their annual candy sales. The money from these sales went toward the Sunshine Dance in the spring and the Riley Childrens' Hospital in Indianapolis.

Sunshine members were likewise visible throughout the halls of RCHS. Some of the girls helped prepare a faculty breakfast for all of the staff members at RCHS. At Christmas, the girls went Christmas caroling through the halls of the high school passing out candy canes and good tidings of Christmas cheer.

The Sunshine Society pursued the importance of family by holding a Mother-Daughter Tea and Daddy Date Night. One other activity of the Society was Ideal Lady, a project where each girl secretly chose one particular woman that she admired. Throughout the year they exchanged gifts. At the end of the year, Sunshine held a special banquet for the ladies at which the girls revealed their identities.

The biggest event for the Sunshine Society was the annual dance in the spring. This year the theme for the dance was *Once Upon a Time*. The dance went well except for some difficulty with the disc jockey, a not so live Fred Stuart.

All in all, the Sunshine Society had another productive year serving the community and students.



Once Upon a Time...



Opposite page, top photo, Stacie Beaver helps a youngster in diagnostic kindergarten testing. On the same page, bottom left, Mr. Day crowns Cindy Pack the Sunshine Queen. Next to that Erica Murray and her father help themselves to some good food at Daddy Date Night. Page 27, top left, the Sunshine Court with Mrs. Cappuccilli. The princesses were Jenni Snyder, Teresa Gutwein, and Amanda Budd. Top right Missy Crapsey and Kim Kronen help serve punch at the Sunshine dance. Directly below that, Andrea Peart and Carla Sizemore enjoy grooving to the tunes. Directly left Kim and Steph Kronen stop to smile for the camera at Daddy Date Night.

Seniors In Sunshine!! (beginning with the back row)
Maia Kingman, Angie Eckholm, Leslie Staddon, Paige
Arihood, Melissa Killmer, Erin Beaver, Stacie Beaver,
Julie Steele, Tracy DeWees, Christine Gembala. Next
row: Tara Lewis, Sherrie Hall, Shannon Greene, and
Jody Webb. Row six: Kim Haun, Marie Barton, Brenda
Crawford, and Angie Lashbrook. Row five: Julie Mur-
phy, Laura Stefanich, Stacie Fontaine, and Susie
Lintner. Row four: Angie Stone, Cheryl Prohosky,
Valerie Erb, Karen Jung, Cindy Pack, Cara Craig, and
Donya Boring. Row three: Jenny Moore, Heather
Ardnt, and Linda Jonnson. Row two: Tracie Tucker,
Julie Prather, Jenni Snyder, Angela Beaver, and Mon-
ica Eaton. Front row: Jeanne Hall.



Juniors: (from top row)
Lana Williams, Catrina
Westfall, Janet Shuster,
Kim Stienke, Kori Pfled-
derer, Kelly Mitchell,
Christy Mathew, Missy
Messman, and Andrea
Anderson; Rhonda Rob-
inson, Julie Miller, Gina
Dowty, Tonya Lane,
Becky Morall, Melissa
Heath, Amber Dunlap,
Robin Joseph, Kelly
Stienke, and Shawnda
Hensler; Trina Cole, Amy
Osman, Julie Nuss, Kim
Williams, Kristin
Moriarty, Gina Leichty,
Jennifer Ivey, Michelle
Sargent, and Gretchen
Nagel; Anna Joseph,
Lynn Potter, Heidi El-
drige, Julie Koebcke, Je-
ani Webb, Nicole Sykes,
Erica Murray, Catrina
Conrad, Jennifer Effinger,
and Kim Pierson; and
Shannon Baunach,
Heather Baker, Heather
Groom, Steph Kronen,
Shannon Barton, Johan-
na White, Miranda Cur-
rin, and Cheryl Burdick.





Directly below, a group of freshman girls endure another exciting meeting. Bottom right, Natalee George and her father enjoy an entertaining evening at Daddy Date Night.

Sophomore members: Kristen Hyvonen, Dawn Woodke, Amanda Plant, Madonna Cook, Terri Herre, Jenny List, Sarah Warne, Amanda Budd, Melinda Klaus, Tonya Nagel, Erica Webb, Kelly Jordan, Christina Harrington, Rita Manns, Michelle Risner, Alicia Staddon, Kelli Doolin, Missy Lanoue, Heather Steffen, Sheri Craig, Charity Hilton, Leah Carroll, Nicole Risner, Chastidy Yeoman, Mandy Alson, Cindy Fenton, Cindy Fishburn, Tara Putt, and Angie Fenwick.

Freshman members: Heather Amsler, Julie Eisley, Missy Davis, Sheri Craig, Chris Klimas, Stephanie Filson, Natalee George, Miriam Hansen, Deana DeWees, Teresa Tomasello, Bobbi Sipkema, Carolanne Sipkema, Jennifer Knouff, Jill Smith, Misty Manns, Denae Schultz, Misty Falkenburg, Heather Ulm, Missy Beaver, Julie Deno, Kim DeWees, Julie Luck, Heather Scherb, Mistie Crapsey, Kim Kronen, Shannon McGraw, Heather Stalbaum, Kim Crouse, Patty Nagel, Marna Spicer, Courtney Stewart, Jenny Bean, Andrea Peart, Angie Teide, Anne Kanne, Gabby Spence, Pepper Smith, Teresa Gutwein, Mindy Suhr, Colleen Mathews and Stacey Daniels.



Reaching for the Stars

The Movie Club and Drama Club are both groups of people interested in the performing arts. Drama Club is an organization for those people who enjoy performing in plays and other acting activities. This year's drama club was sponsored by Mr. McKinley who was also the director of the spring musical, *Carnival*.

1989 was the first year for an organization called the Movie Club. Sponsored by Mr. Oates, it was started for students who have an interest in classic movies, such as *Gone With the Wind*, and *A Streetcar Named Desire*. Throughout the year the club met after school in room 102 and in homes.



Drama Club, top row, left to right: Mr. McKinley, Sarah Waples, Tammey Dale, Greg Geesa, John Warneke, Brandon Keiper, Bill Souza, Pat Schuttrow, Oralia Longoria, Stacey Daniels. Second row, Cathy VanSesson, Becky Craig, Emmy Kreilkamp, Andrea Peart, Gina Leichty, Susie Lintner, Jenny Conley, and Colleen Mathews.

Movie Club. Cheryl Burdick, Pat Schuttrow, Cathy VanSesson, Erica Murray, Pricilla Strange, Kristin Moriarty, and Desi Klopp. Far left photo: Pat eagerly awaits the beginning of a film.



Bombers Working for a Better Community

Bombers Against Drinking and Driving is an organization commonly called B.A.D.D. This group is made up of students who are trying to cut down the number of teens who are driving drunk. B.A.D.D. is sponsored by Mrs. Messman and was not a working organization the previous year. The group has a goal to get more accomplished in the future and try to help Rensselaer.

Another organization formed to improve our community are the Mystical

Knights. This is a group of young men who set out to try to clean up the town. The group has not been an active organization in the past few years but was revived by Mr. McKinley who is now sponsoring them. During the 1990 school year Mystical Knights had a food drive and would like to do other activities like this in the future. The club is hoping to become an organization similar to the Sunshine Society but just for guys instead of girls.



Pictured above: Corey Staddon, Greg Allison, Lyle Freeman, Cary Clausen, Brian Hesson, Jason Lintner, Mark Bilyeu, Tim Dobson, Walter Stanley. Second row: Eric Beaver, Blake Carter, Jacob Chapman, David Dewey, Chad Willis, Greg Geesa, Tom Fleming. Third row: Pat Hammond, Brandon Cain, Bill Souza, Tom Vanweinen, Jeff Countryman, Jerry Cross, Brandon Keiper, Jason Harlan. Fourth row: Sean Halligan, John Warneke, Keith Wing, Buddy Wicker, Jeremy Carroll, Mike Lowrey. Fifth row: Cory Watt, Jim Miller, Charles Thomas, Troy Pulchniak, Kyle Hurley, Phil McIntyre. Sixth row: Dan Gehring, Scott Lashbrook, Tyler Todd, Jeff Brandenburg, Chris Clausen, Ken Dunbar. Pictured right, top row: Marna Spicer, Courtney Stewart, Jan Magnassun, Carolaane Sipkema, Bobbi Sipkema, Mike Schrum, Chris Clausen, Theresa Tomisello, Melissa Davis, Julie Eisle, Deana DeWees. Second row: Heather Scherb, Malia Hale, Teresa Gutwein, Patty Nagel, Charity Hilton, Carla Curnutt, Anne Hopkins. Bottom row: Shannon Barton, Brenda Crawford, Mary Collins, Corey Staddon.

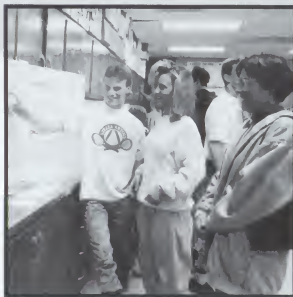
More Hits Less Talk

The Science Club did many things during the 1989-90 school year: one weekend the club traveled to the Indiana Dunes National Park where they planted grass; they also went to Indianapolis to visit a rain forest exhibit; the club sponsored a Walk-A-Lunch where students walked 20 minutes while eating a sack lunch; and they flew a

kite at St. Joseph's College. Club members participated in the annual R.C.H.S. Science Fair setting up exhibits which included a penny drop experiment, the purpose of which was to see how many drops of water could fit on the face of a penny. The Science Club enjoyed their year and found it to be a real learning experience.



Opposite page, top right: Jason Hamer and Brian Chamness study projects at the Science Fair. To the right: Erin Beaver and Tom Fleming discuss an experiment. Lower right: Mrs. Briggs considers a hypothesis at the Fair. Directly above: club members top row left to right: Corey Staddon, Chris Bufkin, Greg Parker, Mike Schrum, David Odle, Mike Frailey, Jeremy Malia, and Chris Conrad. Second row: Oralia Longoria, Tammy Dale, Marcela Risner, Jenni Steinkamp, Allen Best, David Hamer, and David Robledo. Front row: Julie Miller, Gina Dowty, Tamee Thompson, Gretchen Schenk, Cindy Lane, Dawn Woodke, Melinda Klaus, Amanda Plant, and Mrs. Briggs.



Science

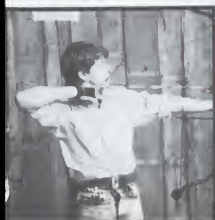




Archery Club, the newest organization at R.C.H.S., was started for students who like shooting arrows. Mr. Allen was called upon to be the sponsor. There were seven members and the club's president was Jason Malone (pictured lower center). They held practice twice a week at the Iroquois Indoor Archery and participated in leagues and contests. Goals for this new club were to get the group together at every practice, and to encourage more clubs statewide for better competition.

First row: Paul Kyle, Jason Malone, and Tony Lloyd. Standing: Mr. Allen, Jerry Chernowsky, Tom Lloyd, Derick Schultz, and Ann Hopkins. Center photo shows Jerry checking his shots.

Archery



The matmaids supported the wrestlers in 1989-90 by decorating lockers and attending matches. Top left picture, left to right are as follows: first row, Malisa Heath, Katrina Cole, Angie Stone, and Tammy Deboard; second row, Carmela Whited, Jennifer Ivey, Michele Sargent, and Kim Haun.

Matmaids

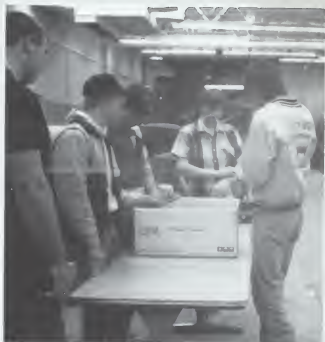
Spinning Discs More Often. . .

The FFA organization was very active during the 1989-90 school year. One of their busiest times was FFA week. During this week they had a tractor drive-in day, a faculty judging contest, a faculty breakfast and young McDonald's day. Each year they have a small zoo of animals that they show.

FFA also had many contests such as soil and livestock judging. The soil judging team received fifth place in district which sent them on to state. There they received a sixth place

which left them short one place in order to compete in the nationals. They received a sixth place finish at district which left them unable to go on to state.

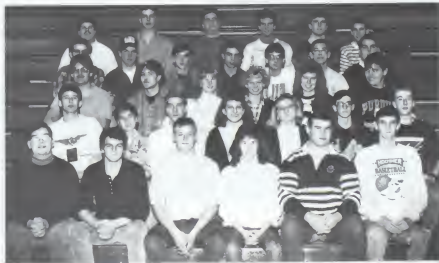
FFA also participated in a program called SOE (supervised occupational educational), wherein members of FFA kept records on livestock and growth of crops and then turned them in to judges. There were six district winners who went on to state.





the FFA

On the opposite page, lower left, is a freshman getting the paint off of his hand, a result of freshman initiation, while Brian Murphy, Paul Justice and Jeff Molenaar watch. To the left is Eric Woudema tiding a small tractor. Pictured above Eric are some FFA members looking at some newborn chicks. In the lower right corner are members of FFA, first row left to right are Brian Wicks, Carl Mullins, Chris Kellner, Christina Harrington, Jeff Brandenburg, and Jeff Hatchings; second row, Chris Waling, Heather Amstler, Wade Schultz, Kelly Jordan, Melinda Klaus, Brad Kohlhausen, and Brian Zacher, third row, Charles Thomas, Gary Clapp, Marna Spicer, Patty Nagel, Shawn Hensler, and Jerry Chernowski; fourth row, Paul Justice, Jeff Molenaar, Ron Floyd, Dean Arndt, Eric Woudema, Jamie Garcia and Curt Hannon, and last row, Mr. Wamsley, Brian Arnold, Kyle Hurley, Jason Nessus, Toby Jordan and Mark Hurley. Above them is Chris Waling driving a tractor. Top left Leanne Spall and Brandon Keeper rating rating sheep.



Bombers BUILD for the Future

The building trades class is a three hour vocational class for students wishing to pursue a career in residential construction. The class consists of both male and female, junior and senior students. The students work throughout the whole school year by beginning with the planning of the house, and then move on to the construction and finishing. The house is displayed for public viewing at an open house, and may be purchased upon completion. Funds from the sale of the house go towards the building cost of the next year's house. This year's house was built on Swartzell drive located behind Monnett.

MORNING CLASS

Shane Cunley, Damon Daniels, Dan Gehring, Mike Hammond, Kevin Kellner, Tony Knuuff, Charlie Marlin, Scott Sayers, Corey Staddon, Charles Thumas, and Tyler Todd.



AFTERNOON CLASS

Dan Black, John Dunbar, Scott Hale, Paula Herre, David Hickman, Jim Ingram, Bill Knuuff, Terry Luttrell, Brian Murphy, Robert Smith, Joetta Stone, and Harold Wright.





Pictured on the opposite page: far left is Harold Wright and Terry Luttrell. In the upper left corner is Jim Ingram. Pictured in the middle are Brian Murphy, Robert Smith, and Joetta Stone. Pictured above on the top of this is Brian Arnold. Pictured directly above is Tony Knouff.



Gain on the Medical World

For several years Rensselaer Central has supported a very important vocational course, Health Occupations. The Health Occupations course is an important part of the curric-

ulum for the students who are pursuing a career in the medical field. This course helps students make their final decision on a health career.



For the first semester the students work in the classroom to acquire skills that will be used in the hospital second semester. Skills, such as taking blood pressures, temperatures, pulse rates, respirations, and bed making, are time-consuming and require patience to learn. Students who are experiencing this vocational course learn what it will take to be successful in the health care professions. In some health situations it takes dedication and can put an amount of stress on their own life styles.

Even though this is a class, there is a club, H.O.S.A., which supports what is learned in the health occupations class. The club is very active in social work, such as helping a local boy who has Multiple Sclerosis. During the school year students who are in the class participated

in the annual Heartbeat Festival, as well as promoting vocational courses by preparing visual aids for middle and high school students.

Directly above is the Health Occupations club, front row, Anna Joseph, Donita Curnutt, Mrs. Nussbaum (sponsor), and Malisa Heath; and in the back row, Linda Jonsson, Robin Joseph, Amber Dunlap, Amy Osmond, Mark Donnelly, Maureen Folenga, Trina Cole, Jason Malone, and Mike Tychek.

To the upper right corner, Anna Joseph and Maureen Folenga are taking students blood pressures during the Heartbeat Festival. Middle right, Sarah Hansen and Donita Curnutt are learning to read a thermometer. Bottom right, Mike Tychek and Maureen Folenga also learn to take pulses.

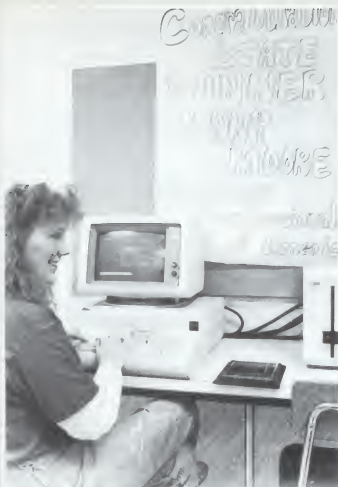


Business Professionals of America

To be in Business Professionals of America you have to be enrolled in a vocational class or a business course. Lab students are required to be in this organization.

Business Profession-

als traveled to Hammond for district contest on February 3, where Jenny Moore received a first place in the category of information processing and later advanced to nationals.



Other categories of competition at district were individual events, team, typing, public speaking, accounting, computer and more.

Top left hand corner: Jenny Moore looks at the award she received at district. Above right are some members taking a break. Lower left sitting: Cindy Pack, Kim Haun, Stacie Fontaine, and Tonya Lane. Standing: Angie Stone, Cheryl Prohosky, Amy Rayburn, Krista Hartley, Jenny Moore, Mary Collins, Monica Eaton, Misty Williams, Robin Joseph, Kim Williams.

SKILLFULLY ASSISTING THE SCHOOL

If the role of home economics is to help others through the use of one's own skills, the Home Economics Club managed to do just that.

Several activities highlighted this the club's first season at RCHS. The fifteen-member club made snacks for the North Central team when they visited our school this year. They made Christmas ornaments for all the teachers at Christmas time. Also, at the end of the year, they held a workshop on learning how to apply cosmetics and

hairstyles, just in time for the Prom.

The Bomber Alert Corps, with their sponsor, Mr. Zych, were involved in helping the North Central team acclimate themselves to a week in Bomberland. The members showed the team around as they surveyed our school, as well as their usual ushering jobs at school events.

The B.A.C also helped at the College Fair and assisted students who attended this function.



Top right: The Home Ec. Club members. Front row, left to right: Shawna Mathews, Krista Hartley, Cheryl Prohosky, Jennifer Knouff. Back row: Julie Deno, Misty Falkenberg, Becky (Hall) Moore, and sponsor Alice Smith. Directly above, Jeanne Hall talks to a member of the North Central team. Middle right: Girls listen to a North Central member. Left to right: Stacie Beaver, Erin Beaver, Paige Arihood, and Heather Arnold. Right: The Bomber Alert Corps. Front row: Karen Jung, Jenny Snyder, Julie Prather, Cara Craig. Back row: Jeanne Hall, Erin Beaver, Angie Eckholm, Paige Arihood, and Stacie Beaver.



Student Council : A Step Ahead

Following summer vacation, student government returned once again enthusiastic and rejuvenated. The 1989-90 school year kicked off with the student council's first dance. Soon to follow were the Homecoming pep session, parade, and bonfire, sponsored by the council as well as the ever popular "Senior Pride Day." This year's Senior Pride Day highlighted

freshmen who tried so hard to acquire that Bomber pride our seniors already possess by dressing up in hilarious costumes and serving as slaves to their senior masters.

In October 15, council members and Mrs. Hancock attended the Indiana Association of Student Council's State Convention. There they were able to learn many new skills and ideas which they brought back to RCHS.

As always, the Singing Valentines de-

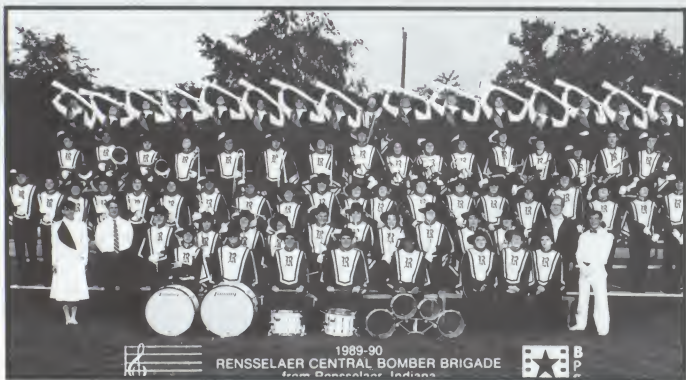
livered to sweethearts on Valentine's Day were a big success as well. This was also the first year that the Student Council sponsored a "MORP" dance, or, "backward Prom". The students were asked to dress down and have fun without spending a lot of money. Our Student Council did a tremendous job in planning various other activities that made the 1989-90 school year great. Thanks council, keep up the good work!



In the upper left photo: Laura Stefanich sings a Valentine to dad. Directly above: Cole Webb and Stef Filson dance in their roles of MORP King and Queen. To the left (back row) Jana Carroll, Dan Walker, Paul Cochran, Phillip McInyre, David Groppe, Chns Prather, Walter Scanley, Mindy Suhr, and Angie Tiede; (middle row) Susie Linter, Sean Haligan, Cory Watt, Kyle Hurley, Rod Hughes, Leah Carroll, and Paige Anhood. (front row) Mandy Alison, Heather Groom, Maia Kingman, Shannon Baunach, Chrissy Mathew, and Andrea Anderson.

A SALUTE TO GEORGE GERSHWIN

The Bomber Brigade began their very busy season with band camp. The Brigade learned their music and drill for the marching show. The music selection for the show was entitled "A Salute to George Gershwin" consisting of the following songs: "Swanee", "Summertime", "I Got Rhythm", and "An American in Paris". The Brigade felt the music and drill went together well. The marching band performed at all the home football games, the Concord Invitational, district band contest, the Lebanon invitational, and ended their band season with the regional band contest. Although the Brigade was disappointed in their placing at regional, they felt they had given the performance their all.



1989-90
RENSELAER CENTRAL BOMBER BRIGADE
from Rensselaer, Indiana

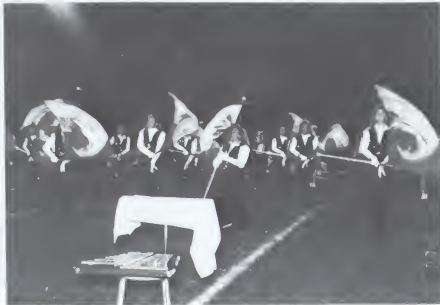




Page 42 upper left: Phil McIntyre directs the band at a home football game. Top center: Jeremy Cattoll concentrates while he drums. Top right: the pep band plays a song of cheer to help send the basketball team to victory. Lower right: Lynn Porter waits for her note. Lower left picture: the Bomber Brigade poses for a group picture at a contest.

Elite Command's Got Rhythm

Directly below Captain Angie Lashbrook leads the Command while practicing in the gym. Bottom left, Juli Lakin listens to directions during practice. Bottom right, various Command members perform their routine for the crowd. Right, Mary Collins and Julie Steele at an after school practice.



Bomberettes 'Pump Up the Jam'



This year's Bomberettes, led by captains Christine Gembala and Angie Lashbrook, performed a variety of things, including dance, flag, and rifle routines. The highlight of the season was their rifle routine to "Pump up the Jam" which was choreographed by Kelly Mitchell and Shannon Baunach. Their routine included a difficult toss over the head that was performed at the last home varsity basketball game. They also held Superstar Saturday, their annual fund raiser, to the theme of "Grease". Kids from third to eighth grade participated and performed at half time of the varsity game with the Bomberettes.

The Elite Command put in a lot of hours and worked hard to enhance the band at marching contests as well as home football games. Their performance at the Midwestern Marching Band Festival won them the Auxiliary Award and made the band proud. Even though this award came as a surprise, the Elite Command was very pleased and honored to receive it.

Few people realize the many hours that go into perfecting a routine. Many hours are spent learning and practicing which leads to a polished halftime show.



Above: The Bomberettes prepare to perform stands routines. Directly left: Heather Baker smiles for the camera during practice. Far left: Heather Groom is ready to begin practice.



Voices of the Future...

Top right: The Swing choir members perform a dance routine for the student body during a convocation. Directly right: Mr. McKinley and the girls' choir members practice for an upcoming concert. Bottom right: Show Choir members; (first row, left to right) Donita Curnutt, Erica Murray, Kerri Louck, Shannon Barton, Susie Lintner, Steph Kronen; (second row) Cathy VanSessen, Oralia Longoria, Tammy Dale, Cheryl Burdick, Mandy Curin, Tammy Thompson, Mr. McKinley; (third row) Mike Sayers, Jerry Chernowsky, Jason Marchand, John Rafferty, Alta Ohelo, Greg Geesa; and (fourth row) Jeff Hitchings, Matt Crouch, David Cotner, Scott Lashbrook, Mark Bilyeu, Bill Souza.



Although many people think that choir only consists of in-class rehearsals and a few concerts, this is far from true. There are actually three different choirs that do a variety of projects. Besides concert performances, the choirs also participate in many contests and perform for the student body and in the community. Under the direction of new staff member, Doug McKinley, the choir had one of the most active years in its time.

One of the biggest events for the choir was the annual Solo and Ensemble Contest. During the winter, the students practiced

worked on different music to perform at the district contest at South Newton. A large ensemble received a first in division one and competed in the state contest. Other individuals also were able to advance to state. Matt Crouch, Susie Lintner, Gina Leichy, and Tim Sayers, took solos to the state contest.

The Show Choir also participated in many activities. This spring they competed in a District Show Choir Contest. Although they didn't achieve the desired division one rating, Mr. McKinley felt that next year's show choir would definitely have a chance

at competing in the state competition.

One other program in the choral department that receives less attention is the Girls Choir. This performing group has been active for two years and has progressed nicely. All freshmen girls joining choir are required to take one year of Girls Choir in order to prepare them for a more rigorous musical study in concert choir.

Mr. McKinley said he hoped to make 1990-91 even better.



Above left, Girls Choir members: (first row, left to right) Stacey Daniels, Colleen Mathews, Jan Magnussen, Malia Hale, Natalee George, Misty Falkenburg, Andrea Pearl, Denae Schultz; (second row) Christina Conrad, Rhonda Robinson, Oralia Longoria, Jenny Conley, Cheryl Prohosky, Carla Cumutt, Melissa Daniels; and (third row) Mr. McKinley, Tammy Dale, Jennifer Effinger, Sarah Waffles, Felicia Norris, Sherri Craig.



Reaching for

RCHS ATHLETES GIVE THEIR TIME AND

Personal

ENERGY TO PROVE THEIR ABILITY

Bests

Athletics has always required not only talent, but also time and dedication. That is one reason explaining why athletes represent such a visible aspect of American society. All different types of sports, from baseball (especially because of the 1990 walkout) and football, to basketball, golf and tennis, grab the attention of both the media and the audiences. The athletes who could sacrifice their time for their sport while still serving as positive role models have always been especially admired.

Rensselaer athletes also sacrificed time for other activities in order to play sports, but with friends to entertain and support team members, these sacrifices may have sometimes seemed small. The exhilaration from winning the game or meet against an arch rival

served as payment for the late nights catching up on homework or the missed parties with friends.

All of the athletes and sports teams excelled during the school year even if they may have been disappointed by their seasons. Their dedication to the sports and to winning for Rensselaer and themselves made all of their time spent worthwhile.

Although all of the athletes deserved plenty of recognition, unfortunately, all teams can't receive equal space in the sports section because of a limited number of pages. But the athletes all provided us with moments which made the 1989-1990 school year unique and which will never be the same as in the years to come with new teams and players.

This year the girls' golf team had an outstanding season. The team, under the direction of Coach Rich Stefanich, achieved a new school record having accumulated 12 wins and no losses. They were Sectional Champions and finished in fifth place at the State Tournament. The team finished the season ranked fifth in the state.

After an up and down season of personal bests and sometimes frustrating matches, the girls golf team wound up their season and some senior careers at RCHS as one of the most outstanding in school history.

Individual awards given to some of the lady golfers included Laura Stefanich who received the Most Valuable Player and Team Captain awards. Angie Gutwein was the recipient of the Most Improved and Mental Attitude awards. Mindy Suhr received the Mental Attitude award on the junior varsity team.

The members of the varsity girls golf team were Erin Beaver, Angie Gutwein, Missi Messman, Lynn Potter, and Laura Stefanich. The members and perhaps less acknowledged participants on the team were JV players Missy Beaver, Anne Kanne, Shannon McGraw, and Mindy Suhr.



Girls Golf: The Best Just Get Better



Upper photo: Mom and Dad Stefanich console Laura after a shaky front nine. Golfers from far left: Lynn Potter walks to the green contemplating her last shot, Angie Gutwein puts on number 7 at Valparaiso, while Erin Beaver lines up a close one, and Missi Messman puts toward a hidden photographer. The 1989 Girls Golf team: (from left to right) Angie Gutwein, Laura Stefanich, Missi Messman, Erin Beaver, and Lynn Potter.

1990 Boys Golf — Season of Rebuilding

The 1990 boys golf year was one of rebuilding. The varsity had a record of five wins and ten losses, while the junior varsity team finished with a respectable six win and four loss season. Invitational scores were as follows: Twin Lakes, eighth out of eight; Lafayette Jeff, fifteenth out of 15; Kankakee Valley, fourth out of seven; and Rensselaer, sixth out of 17. The team also came in fourth (out of six) at the Northwest Hoosier Conference meet.

Members of the 1990 golf team were Matt Crouch, Sean Kingman, Brandon Keiper, Jason Harlan, Damon Daniels, John Warneke, Mark Donnelly, Brian Chamness, Dan Gehring, Jeremy Pullins, and Eric Beaver.

Award winners for the golfers were Dan Gehring (jv mental attitude), Sean Kingman (varsity mental attitude), John Warneke (jv most improved), and Jeremy Pullins (varsity most improved).



Top picture is Dan Gehring getting ready to putt. Bottom picture is Jason Harlan eyeing the hole.



Top left picture is Brian Chamness watching the ball. Top right picture is Matt Crouch concentrating on the shot. Bottom left picture is John Warneke walking to the next hole. Bottom right picture is Jeremy Pullins putting the ball.

Volleyball at Rensselaer Central had a successful 1989 season, with the team achieving a record of 15-8. Showing determination, the varsity team proved to be, once again, a dominant force in the Northwest Hoosier Conference, where they ended the year 4-1 against conference opponents.

One highlight of the season was winning the North White Tourney. The Bombers eliminated the host school in the finals.

The varsity awards included Most Valuable Offensive Player-Julie Koebcke, Most Valuable Defensive Player-Marie Barton, Most Improved Player-Leah Carroll, Serving Award-Julie Koebcke, Setting Award-Tracie Tucker, Spiking Award-Julie Koebcke, and Passing Award-Marie Barton. All conference members were Julie Koebcke, Tracie Tucker, and Marie Barton. Honorable mention went to Cindy Pack.

Once again the faithful fans were treated to that little extra effort that makes volleyball at RCHS exciting. Both the varsity and junior varsity displayed the co-ordination of bumping, setting, and spiking that kept fans in tune with the netters.



Bump! Spike! Kill! Win!

VB Movers in 1989



Rensselaer Volleyball '89

L	Harrison
L	Kouts
W	Boone Grove
L	McCutcheon
W	Twin Lakes
L	Lowell
W	River Forest
W	Lake Station
W	Frontier
W	North Newton
W	North Judson
W	Tri-County
L	Benton Central
W	Winamac
L	Clinton Prairie
W	North White
W	West Central
L	Kankakee Valley
W	South Newton
W	Hebron
L	Kankakee Valley (Sectional)

Varsity team members: (back row left to right) Julie Koebecke, Stacie Beaver, Erica Webb, Cindy Pack, and Marie Barton; (front row) Connie Michal, Leah Carroll, Tracie Tucker, Andrea Anderson, and Nicole Risner. Junior varsity: (back row) Chastidy Yeoman, Denae Schultz, Julie Luck, Tonya Nagel, and Kim Kronen; (front row) Kelli Doolin, Alicia Staddon, Missy Lanoue, and Kerri Louck. In the upper left photo Marie Barton is serving as Leah looks on. In the far left, Denae shows her disgust with a call. In the lower center photo Marie and Julie prepare defensively. In the lower left on this page Cindy bumps while Stacie prepares to help. In the upper right photo Cindy slaps a shot back at the opposition while Julie and Marie look on.



C-C Tour Brings Fans Running

The group appropriately named Cross Country went on a very successful tour this year. Their best performance was at regionals where John Raftery came in first, A.J. Wortley came in second, and the team finished third overall. With this placing the team advanced to semistate at Valparaiso University.

During their season the team acquired an outstanding record of 12 and 0 in dual meets. They also won the Northwest Hoosier Conference, the North Newton Invitational, the Gavitt Invitational, and the New Prairie Invitational.

An additive to this year's team was Leslie Staddon, whose membership raised the count of girls on the team to two. Last year Heather Groom was only the second girl to run on the RCHS CC team.

The team seems to be growing and according to Coach Bill Zimmer the future looks bright with some young talent on its way up. The question today is, "Can the fans keep up with the distance runners?"



Rafferty: Longest Running Single

John Rafferty took off running and became an instant hit during the fall of 1989. He made his school proud by advancing to state finals and placing 16th among Indiana's best.



Running as a pastime has become very important, as evidenced by his participation in invitationals and continued off-season practicing. John is an act constantly on the move.

Since 1989-90 was John's sophomore year, he has plenty of time to improve his already impressive career.

The 1989 RCHS cross country team: A.J. Wortley, John Rafferty, Kevin Cochran, Jason Harlan, Chris Prather, Brandon Frazee, Heather Groom, Leslie Staddon, and Corey Groom. Far left: Chris Prather takes a drink after a long run. Near Left: John Platt and A.J. run at sectional. Above left: Bombers begin sectional run. Directly above: John Rafferty strides to an easy victory.

R.C.H.S. Varsity Football



Team members are from L-R: Coach McKim, Coach Wyncoop, Coach Brandenburg, and Coach Hainje. Row two: Derrick Manns, Joe Garcia, Tim Dobson, Tracey Smith, Jeremy Pullins, Bill Souza, Jamie Garcia, Cory Watt, Matt Anderson, Jason Lintner, and Don Jordan. Row three: Jason Swaggert, Scott Manns, Chad Wilmington, Sonny Williams, Mike Williamson, Tom Kliest, Blake Carter, Chaz Robinson, Dan Gehring, and Gabe Edwards. Row four: Scott Smith, Ken Starnes, Dan Brandenburg, Atta Ohelo, Scott Maienbrook, Jim Miller, Brian Wood, Jeff Rayburn, Kevin Kellner, Rob Smith, and Rod Hughes. Row five: John Dunbar, Sean Kingman, Andy Francis, Harold Wright, Kyle Hurley, Ken Dunbar, Dave Cotner, Mike Langley, Mike Lowry, and Scott Lashbrook.

Top picture is Jason Lintner going for the loose ball. To the right is Mr. Brandenburg giving instructions to Dan Brandenburg.





R.C.H.S. 6	Lowell 7
R.C.H.S. 22	North Newton 21
R.C.H.S. 0	North Judson 12
R.C.H.S. 18	Kankakee Valley 0
R.C.H.S. 12	Lake Station 0
R.C.H.S. 0	River Forest 35
R.C.H.S. 6	Central Catholic 35
R.C.H.S. 6	Twin Lakes 54
R.C.H.S. 36	Lake Station 6
R.C.H.S. 48	John Glenn 12
R.C.H.S. 0	North Judson 28

Varsity football finished out the season with a 5-6 record. The team made it to the sectional championship with victories over Lake Station and John Glenn before losing to North Judson 32-0 in the sectional championship. The Bombers lost three straight games before going into post season play, but played much better in the tournament.

Award winners for the Bombers were Most Valuable Offensive Player-Dan Brandenburg and Most Valuable Defensive Player-Jim Miller.

Top right picture is Mike Lowry busting upfield for a big gain.

VARSITY ROLLS IN SECTIONAL



Upper left are Cory Watt, Ken Dunbar, and Harold Wright pursuing the opponents's ball carrier. Upper right are the varsity Coaches Hainje and Brandenburg looking on at Coach Hainje's 100th career game at R.C.H.S. Directly above is quarterback Sean Kingman giving instruction to the Bombers.

Frosh Have Mixed Emotions



Top: A host of Bombers are pursuing K.V.'s ball carrier.
Bottom left: Matt Kenny and Colt Webb are getting prepared for the play.

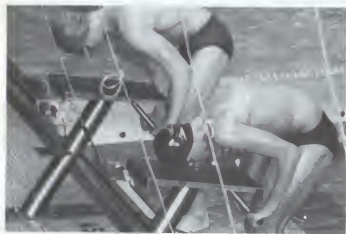
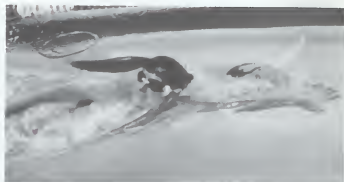
The freshman football team had mixed emotions after finishing with a 4-4 record. They started off with two losses, but ended up winning four out of the last six games. The award winners for the frosh are Matt Kenny and Ryan Hooker (offense), Grady Smith (defense) and Eric Justice won the special teams award. Members of the team are (top row) Jamie Overton, Ryan Hooker, Andy Gembala, Jeremy Klinkhamer, Alex Sitz, and Jerry Chernowsky; 3rd row Jared Hancock, Mark Rayburn, Eric Beaver, Brian Zacher, Nathan Brown, and Matt Kenny; 2nd row Keith Wing, Jason Overton, Joel Mason, Tom VanWienen, Grady Smith and Colt Webb; and 1st row Greg Parker, Eric Justice, Steve Koebecke, Dan Cole, Avery Douglas, Greg Geesa and Jason Elijah.

The Year of La Llama

"The year of la Llama" was the theme for the boys swim team in 1989-1990. This title comes from the common "battle cries" (La Llama!, Bueno!) that were frequently heard at swim meets. The team tied for fifth place in sectional, and finished off the season with an 8-8 record.

One team member, Brian Arnold commented on the season, "There was good competition. . . I think we finished off

the year strong." Senior and co-captain Matt Crouch gave his view of the season, "The highlight of the season was definitely sectional mostly because we competed much better than what was projected. We demonstrated a lot more team spirit. We could have been awesome if we learned how to work harder, (but) throughout all the attitude problems we had in the beginning, it all came together in the end."



Pictured top right: Jeff Rayburn swimming (and smiling) for the camera. Directly above: Scott Smith proving his breast stroke abilities. Above right: John Groppe gets ready to begin the backstroke. Team picture right, first row, right to left: John Groppe, Jason Hamer, Paul Mason, Scott Smith, Matt Crouch, and Jeremy Carroll; second row, David Groppe, Jared Hancock, Mark Rayburn, Grady Smith, and Avery Douglas; third row, Andy Gembala, Blake Carter, Wade Tiller, Jason Swaggett, and Brian Duncan; and fourth row, Bill Souza, Rod Hughes, Jeff Rayburn, Brian Arnold, Cary Claussen, and Nathan Brown.



Swimmin' Women Do It Again



Pictured left: first row, left to right, seniors Karen Jung, Tracy DeWees, Christine Gembala, Julie Steele, Paige Arrhoad, and Cara Craig, second row, Alison Malone, Johanna White, Shannon Barton, Cary Shrum, Tara Putt, Jenny List, and Kristen Hyvonen, and third row, Lana Williams, Kori Pflederer, Heidi Eldridge, Heather Steffen, Anne Craig, Cindy Lane, Gretchen Schenk. Pictured far left is Kern Loack on the starting block. Directly below are Lana Williams, Gretchen Schenk, Heidi Eldridge, and Tara Putt. Pictured at bottom is Tara Putt swimming butterfly.



After 3 months of hard practices, morning after morning, day after day; after physically challenging and exhausting meets, the girls swim team finished off the season successfully. Coach Kellow commented on the season: "I felt the season went very well, the two big highlights of the season were: Julie Steele breaking the record of 551.4, and beating Harrison, it felt good to beat a big La-

Fayette school."

Senior Christine Gembala expressed her view of the season, "We all did our best because everyone worked hard and we had fun doing it. It didn't matter whether we won or lost, as long as it was fun."

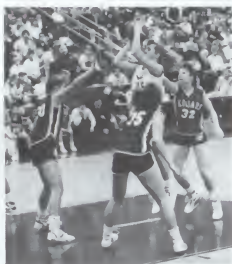
The last meet was definitely memorable for all the swimmers- but for Julie Steele it was a day she will never forget, for that was the meet where she broke the 500 freestyle record.

Girls make it to sectional championship

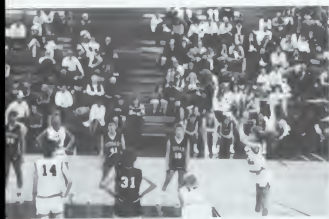
The girls basketball team had an excellent season finishing 14 games over .500. The girls started off slowly, but as the season progressed the team started to play very well. Winning awards were as follows: Marie Barton (high scorer, most rebounds, best 2 point field goal %, and school record 18 rebounds in a game), Laura Stefanich (best 3 point field goal %, most assists, and most steals), Julie Koebecke (best all around), and Cindy Pack (best mental attitude).

The 1989-90 season, with its 14-5 record, saw several high points. Prior to the sectional loss to KV, the Bombers were given a rare honorable mention in the state. Though it was a small team (only eight players), senior Julie Murphy noted that their strength was in their experience. Marie Barton is slated to play for St. Joseph's College in the upcoming season.

The future looks bright for the varsity team because the JV and Freshman teams had excellent seasons in 1989-90.



Top right picture is Laura Stefanich trying to inbound the ball. Middle picture is Shawna Mathew pulling up for the jumper. Bottom picture is the Bombers trying to deny the inside pass. Middle picture above left is Julie Murphy putting up the shot.



Members of the girls varsity basketball team are from left to right: Coach Butler, Andrea Anderson, Shannon Barton, Leah Carroll, Julie Koebecke, and Missi Messman. Row two: Laura Stefanich, Marie Barton, Cindy Pack, Shawna Mathew, and Julie Murphy.

Top left picture is Marie Barton shooting a free throw. Top right picture is the Bombers inboundng the ball. Directly to the left is Cindy Pack trying to tap the jump ball to Laura Stefanich.

Freshmen Girls Get First Test

The freshmen girls basketball team got their first chance to play high school ball during the winner of 1990. Although their schedule is relatively short, several players emerged as future hustlers: both Julie Deno and Missy Beaver show particular aggression during conference matches. Sharing spots on the team were Jen Bean, Steph Filson, Miriam Hansen, Anna Kanne, Chris Klimas, Julie Luck, Shannon McGraw, Denae Schultz, Heather Stalbaum, Mindy Suhr, and Angie Tiede. Malia Hale and Pepper Smith were the team managers.

Top right Anna Kanne shoots a foul. Lower right Missy Beaver chases an opponent. Bottom photo shows Julie Deno passing.

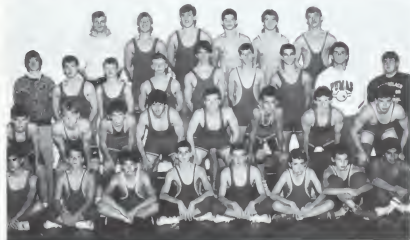


Wrestlers Roll to 15-4 record

The 1989-90 R.C.H.S. varsity wrestling team finished their season with a 15-4 record. It was a season of records as the grapplers set several school records. The team set a school record by having three regional champs: Tom Fleming, Jim Miller, and Scott Lashbrook; and by having four semi-state participants. The season ended very quickly, though, as all four grapplers lost in the first round at the Crown Point semi-state.

The team finished in third at regional, their best finish ever, and also finished third at the Chesterton tournament which was also the team's best performance. The grapplers finished second at the Rensselaer sectional and finished third in the Northwest Hoosier Conference.

Jim Miller and Tom Fleming were named Bagubas of the year, while Scott Lashbrook and Jeff Countryman were named most improved.



Upper right picture is Scott Lashbrook pinning his opponent. Middle picture is the team lining up for a match. Lower right picture are the 1990 semi-state participants.

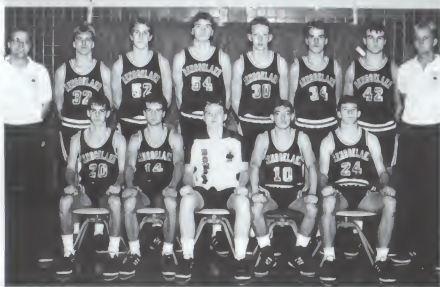
Varsity Has Learning Season

The boys varsity basketball team started the season with a new coach, Bill Zych. So the 1989-90 season was a learning experience. The team did not start off well, as they started with a 1-6 record. After Christmas break they got their act together and finished the season with a 11-11 record.

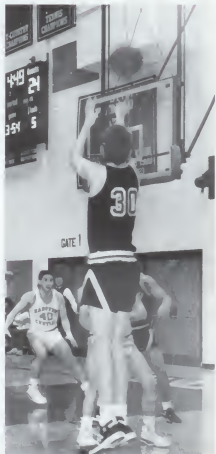
The highlight of the season was a five game winning streak, including wins over Benton Central, North Newton, Lowell, Kankakee Valley, and River Forest.

Having an excellent season, the JV team helped the future look promising for boys basketball at RCHS.

Award winners for the Bombers were as follows: Brian Chamness (top rebounder, mental attitude, and MVP), Trent Judy (top assistman), Steve Gehring (best field goal percentage), Craig Hooker (top free throw shooter), John Dunbar (most improved), and Phil McIntyre (student-athlete award).



Top right picture is Dan Brandenburg, Steve Gehring, and John Dunbar waiting for the rebound. Lower right picture is Craig Hooker shooting a jumper. Members of the varsity team were from left to right: Coach Zych, Ken Dunbar, Brian Chamness, Steve Gehring, Craig Hooker, John Dunbar, Dan Brandenburg, and Coach Doud. Row two: Trent Judy, Jason Nesius, John Wright, Phil McIntyre, and Jason Lintner.



Rensselaer	.....	Opponents
Rensselaer 72	.....	Hebron 97
Rensselaer 60	.....	Tri-County 39
Rensselaer 48	.....	West Lafayette 75
Rensselaer 71	.....	North White 73
Rensselaer 52	.....	South Newton 58
Rensselaer 58	.....	Frontier 67
Rensselaer 70	.....	Twin Lakes 92
Rensselaer 64	.....	West Central 54
Rensselaer 77	.....	Pioneer 43
Rensselaer 39	.....	South Newton 47
Rensselaer 84	.....	North Newton 43
Rensselaer 65	.....	North Judson 76
Rensselaer 70	.....	Benton Central 60
Rensselaer 88	.....	North Newton 73
Rensselaer 64	.....	Lowell 60
Rensselaer 73	.....	Kankakee Valley 52
Rensselaer 73	.....	River Forest 62
Rensselaer 59	.....	Central Catholic 67
Rensselaer 67	.....	Lake Station 56
Rensselaer 78	.....	Harrison 95
Rensselaer 71	.....	Hanover Central 61
Rensselaer 54	.....	Hebron 65

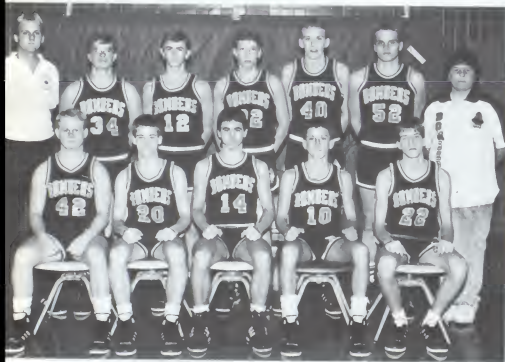


Top right picture is Dan Brandenburg going up for the shot. To the left is John Dunbar waiting for the ball. Directly above is Steve Gehring getting in position for the rebound.

JV Drives to 12-8 Record

The junior varsity basketball team finished their season with a 12-8 record with new coach Steve Doud. Members of the 1989-90 team were Chris Phegley, Todd Overton, Brandon Cain, Paul Cochran, Mark Hurley, Chad Wilmington, Jason Pullins, Jacob Chapman, Sean Halligan, and Ryan Hooker.

Award winners for the JV team were Brandon Cain (most assists) and Ryan Hooker (top rebounder and best free throw shooter).



Above right photo Ryan Hooker takes a shot. Members of the JV team: (front row) Chad Wilmington, Mark Hurley, Paul Cochran, Brandon Cain, Chris Phegley, and (second row) Coach Doud, Jason Pullins, Jacob Chapman, Sean Halligan, Ryan Hooker, and Todd Overton. Playing freshman defense above is Curt Hannon, Jeff Hitchings, and Keith Wing.

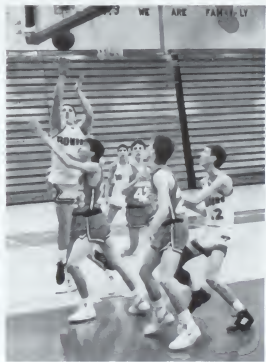


The Future Looks Bright



The 1989 — 1990 freshman basketball team did very well this year with a record of 12 and 3. With this excellent record, RCHS could look forward to a great varsity basketball team to bring a sectional victory to Rensselaer High School. Coach Wynkoop should be congratulated for the super job he did bringing the boys together for such a successful season.

Awards given this year were to the following: Matt Kenny for most rebounds, Cory Groom for most assists, and Jeremy Klinkhamer as the top free throw shooter.



Upper left: Joel Mason attempts a shot, while Keith Wing and Jeff Hitchings are ready to rebound. Upper right: Keith Wing looks to inbound the ball. Lower left: Kurt Hannon goes to the basket as Matt Kenny and Jeff Hitchings eagerly watch.

Fast Forward- Girls Track

Girls track ended the season with a 18-9 record. During the season they placed 2nd in conference, 2nd in R.M.D., 2nd in sectional, and 3rd in Rensselaer Relay. Award winners were Julie Koebecke (most valuable), Mindy Suhr (most improved), and Tracie Tucker (team captain). Point leaders for the Bombers were freshman Carla Sizemore, sophomore Tonya Nagel, junior Koebecke (who went to state for the second year and placed 2nd in discus), and senior Tucker.



Top picture is Heather Groom leading in the 3200. Middle picture is Malia Hale and Carla Sizemore fighting for second. Bottom left is Kori Pfledderer throwing the discus. Bottom right is Julie Koebecke starting the mile relay.



Top picture is Tonya Nagel and Julie Deno starting the mile. To left is Tonya Nagel leading the 1600 meter run. To the right is Tracie Tucker winning the 100 meter low hurdles.

Tracksters Remain Undefeated

Boys track continued to show improvements in 1990: another undefeated Northwest Hoosier Conference season, a sectional for the second year in a row, and Jeff Brandenburg's fourth place finish in discus at the state finals.

Outstanding were John Rafferty and

Dan Brandenburg, who both went to state in the two mile run and high jump respectively. Ken Dunbar broke the 300 meter school low hurdle record. Team honors went to Cary Claussen (Most Improved), and Dan Brandenburg and John Dunbar (Most Valuable). Ken Dunbar

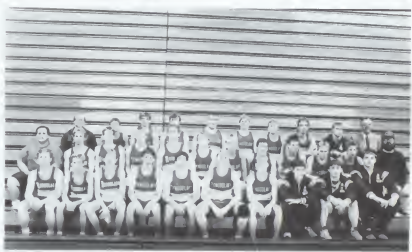
and John Flatt were named team captains.

Both the girls and boys track teams had to endure unfavorable (early hot and later blustery cold) weather to fill their schedule. But neither hot, nor bone chilling cold slowed the Bomber pacers.



Top picture is Dan Brandenburg on his way to winning the 100 meter dash. Directly above is John Rafferty and Harold Wright taking off in the 1600 meter run. To the right is Steve Koebeck getting ready for the 400 meter relay.





Top picture is Cory Watt and Eric Justice making there handoffs to Paul Cochran and Brian Duncan during the 400 relej. Middle picture is Ken Dunbar leading the way to a Bomber victory. Bottom left is pole vaulter Cary Claussen clearing the height.

Bombers Blast to Quick Start

The Rensselaer Bomber baseball team started the season with a bang. The team defeated West Central 23-2 in the season opener and then defeated North White in a doubleheader 20-1 and 9-1. Jason Lintner and Mike Lowry were the big hitters as they combined for nine homeruns. Other outstanding hitters for the Bombers were Chris Hodnett, Charles Hodnett, and Mark Meyer. The highlight of the season was a no-hitter against Kouts, which the Bombers won 4-3. Another big game for the Bombers was against the North Newton Spartans, who were once ranked number five in the state. In the game the Bombers had the lead for most of the game before falling in ten innings. The future looks good for the Bombers because as many as five jv players started for the varsity, which shows that the 1990 team was very young.



Top right picture is Mike Lowry delivering a pitch. Far left picture is Kevin Cochran warming up. Middle picture is Jason Lintner checking his swing. Directly above are the Bombers talking before a game.



Top picture is Brandon Cain racing for the plate. To the left is Jacob Chapman swinging for a base hit. Directly above is Mark Meyer swinging for a hit.

Bomber Pride Is Alive Inside!

The Bomber cheerleading squad for the 89-90 season started off on the right track. During the summer, all three squads attended camp at DePauw University, returning with the spirit meg award for the efforts they displayed throughout the week. However, the varsity accomplished an even greater feat. Out of approximately 35 squads, RCHS competed in the top five, taking home a 1st place trophy!

The cheerleaders not only cheered at games, but also devoted their time to making posters, baking cookies, decorating uptown and in the school, planning spirit days, preparing for camp, and prac-

ticing. Much of the time the cheerleaders work goes unrecognized, so now the yearbook now tries to give credit where a great deal of effort has gone into helping Bomber Pride flourish.

Bottom left, the junior varsity poses (from top): Angie Fenwick, Desi Klopp, Christina Harrington, Mandy Alson, and Cyndi Fenton. Pictured below left center are varsity members Steph Kronen, Christy Mathew and Susie Linter shown making a spirit poster. Center, the cheerleaders are seen welcoming the Bomber football players. To the right is the varsity squad (from top to bottom): Jana Carroll, Steph Kronen, Jodi Webb, Christy Mathew, Sarah Hansen, and Susie Linter.





Pictured at the top is Susie Linter after a cheer at a football game. Top right shows Christina Harrington and Sarah Hanson braving the elements prior to the Homecoming Parade. Above center, Christy Mathew fires up the Bomber fans. Directly above, the girls take time out at the Pizza King.

The Beating

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"ROLLS ON"

The people of RCHS in 1990 were very similar to society as a whole. When entering the building on any school day morning, a spectator could see all different types of people: "jocks," "brains," "models," and "rebels." But the personalities of these students reached much deeper than any stereotypes. As in any society, the people of RCHS learned from each other and were able to help each other in times of need.

The students all pursued their personal interests, displaying their own styles as they could work together as a part of a whole society.

We made new friends as new students moved to Rensselaer and

as the freshmen came to contribute to RCHS. And, other friends parted as graduation neared and the seniors became sentimental, preparing to say good-bye to each other and high school.

High school is a time for learning, but it is perhaps more of a learning about one's self and relating with friends than academics. A lot of personal changes took place during 1990 and throughout the students' high school years. And, that's what made the society of Rensselaer Central High School an interesting and ever-changing place.

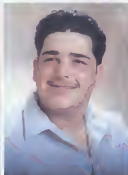


Class of 1990

Paige Arthood
Heather Arndt
Marie Barton
Erin Beaver



Stacie Beaver
Julie Best
Jennifer
Bitterling
Mike Black



Donya Boring
Jana Carroll
Jeremy Carroll
Brian Chamness

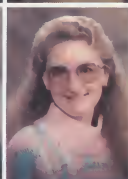


Chris Claussen
Kevin Cochran
Mary Collins
David Cotner





Cara Craig
Brenda
Crawford
Matt Crouch
Tammy DeBoard



Tracy DeWees
John Dunbar
Ken Dunbar
Monica Eaton



Angie Eckholm
Valerie Erb
John Flatt
Stacy Fleming



Tom Fleming
Stacie
Fontaine
Mike Fralley
Andy Francis

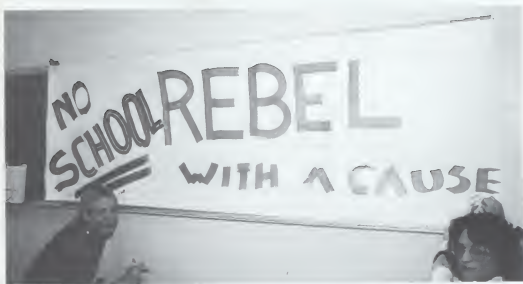


Christne
Gembala
Shannon Greene
John Groppe
Greg Grzesik

Future Rockers

Right: The Model- Julie Steele and Trent Judy.
Below: The Fashion Designer- Paige Arihood,
Andy Francis, and Erin Beaver. Below Right: The
Artist- Matt Crouch and Shawna Mathew.



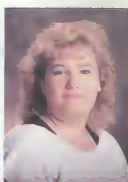


Left: The Rebel-John
Flatt and Joetta Stone.
Below left: The
Beautician-Trent Judy
and Julie Steele.

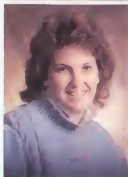


Above: The Yuppie-Kyle Hurley and
Valerie Erb.

Angie (Gutwein)
Beaver
Jeanne Hall
Jason Hamer
Krista Hartley



Kim Haun
Paula Herre
Chad Hickman
Terri Hicks



Kathie Hodnett
Craig Hooker
Kyle Hurley
Jim Ingram



Stephanie
Jarrette
Linda Jonsson
Trent Judy
Karen Jung



Chris Kellner
Alesia Killmer
Melissa
Killmer
Mala Kingman





Sean Kingman
Tony Knouff
Emmy Kreilkamp
Mike Langley



Angie
Lashbrook
Scott
Lashbrook
Tara Lewis
Susan Lintner



Matthew Louck
Mike Lowry
Jeremy Malia
Scott Manns



Far left: members of the Chaotic Crue senior Jimmy Saucedo, junior Leanne Spall, senior Julie Best, freshman Natalie George, and sophomore Kelly Jordan. Left center: Maia Kingman, Jennifer Putt and Emmy Kreilkamp mug for a shot at a swim meet. Above right: Eric Eaton, Dave Robledo, Paul Mason, and Phil McIntyre enjoy lunch. Directly left: Mike Lowry blocks for Dan Brandenburg against Kankakee Valley.



Above left: The Comedian — Craig Hooker and Angie Eckholm. Directly above: The Enthusiast-Susie Lintner and Scott Smith. Lower right: The Flirt -Erin Beaver and Scott Lashbrook.



Left: The Musician-Susie Lintner and Dan Walker. Below: The Friend-Ken Dunbar and Maia Kingman with Dan Walker, Mrs. Mangas and Ricky. Bottom left: The Mouth-Sherrie Hall and Jason Hamer. Below right: The Athlete-Marie Barton and Harold Wright.



Paul Mason
Shawna Mathew
Phillip
McIntyre
Jennifer Moore



Carl Mullins
Julie Murphy
Heather Murray
Jason Nesius



Cindy Pack
Julie Prather
Cheryl
Prohosky
Troy
Paluchniak



David Robledo
Amy Rayburn
Jim Saucedo
Michael Sayers



Martin Shuey
Daphne (Smith)
Meyer
Scott Smith
Jimmy Schnelle





Jenni Snyder
Leslie Staddon
Julie Steele
Laura
Stefanich



Angie Stone
Charles Thomas
Tracie Tucker
Tara Ulm



Melissa Walden
Dan Walker
Jodi Webb
Misty Williams



Far left: Phil McIntyre directs a halftime show. Near left: wet and festive Scott Lashbrook, Julie Steele, and Sean Kingman enjoy homecoming festivities.

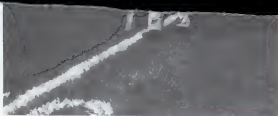
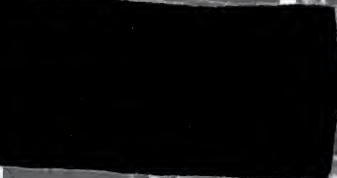
Homecoming festivities in 1989 were literally "dampened" this when it began to rain a persistent mist before and during the parade. But, nevertheless, firetrucks, decorated cars, alumni and class floats, managed to inspire the students' spirit.

The rain subsided during the football game where Bombers valiantly defeated Kankakee Valley with a final score of 18-0.

Candidates for Homecoming Queen were Paige Arihood, Jana Carroll, Julie Steele, Laura Stefanich, and Cindy Pack. Laura Stefanich,

who was escorted by John Flatt, is pictured right walking toward the assembled participants and anxious crowd. Jana Carroll and escort Trent Judy pass by the band in the photo below. Pictured below right are the recently initiated freshman girls displaying their float which was first in the spirit-on-wheels competition.

Not only did the half-time show include the high-stepping Bomber Brigade and Bomberettes, but also many alumni and parents remained despite the weather.



Homecoming

1989

Bombers Burn Wheatfield Sign



Pictured left are destructive fans sacrificing the opposing team's "Welcome to Wheatfield" sign. Other bonfire activities included class skits, and chants led by the ever present cheerleading squad. On the lower left are homecoming queen candidate Paige Arihood and escort Jason Hamer. Directly Below is Cindy Pack being escorted across the football field during halftime by Jason Nesius.



Rocking Crowd Crowns Queen: Julie Steele





Fans in Uprising

On the opposite page is pictured Julie Steele, the 1989-1990 Homecoming Queen. Julie, escorted by Troy Paluchniak at the homecoming game, was an active member of the RCHS Women's Swimming Team, on which she set various high school records. Julie was also a mem-

ber of the Elite Command, participated in many band contests, at the same time she was competing in swim meets in the fall. Pictured left are Harold Wright, Sean Kingman, and Mike Langley on their way to the the Bonfire. In the photo below the Bombers kick off after a score.



Pictured left is the rowdy rocking RCHS student body after the time of class sacrifice. The flames from the fire can be seen in the background as the fans cheer on despite the bitterly wet and windy weather.

Greg Allison
Andrea Anderson



Matt Anderson
Brian Arnold



Heather Baker
Shannon Barton



Shannon Baunach
Mark Bilyeu



Dan Black
Dan Brandenburg



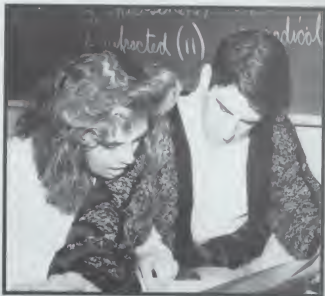
Cheryl Burdick
Jerry Burge



Gary Clapp
Cary Claussen



Juniors



The junior year passed by quickly. The class all shared some great moments together and also helped each other through bad times. After spending a third year at R.C.H.S they really found the place where they are sure that they fit in.

The class of 1991 participated in many extra-curricular activities and sports such as Sunshine Society, student council, baseball, wrestling, swimming, volleyball, and, of course, the yearbook.

Some of the responsibilities that the juniors assumed included preparation for Prom. To raise money, an auction was held and magazines were sold, both of which contributed to a full treasury for the May dance.

Some juniors found

their way to the Rolling Stones Final Tour concert in Indianapolis. Those who went felt that it was an experience that they would do again, since the overall trip was "intense and incredible." Kori Pfledderer said, "The concert was an excruciating experience, because it was difficult to get tickets. If Kim Steinke had not gotten tickets, this once-in-a-lifetime trip would not have happened."

As the year progressed, decisions were being formulated as to college choices, job opportunities, and military commitments. The various recruiters came and visits to colleges increased.



Christina Corrad
Crystal Crapsey
Miranda Curin
Donita Cumrutt
Damon Daniels
Travis Davis



David Dewey
Mark Donnelly
Gina Dowty
Amber Dunlap
Gabe Edwards
Jennifer Effinger



Heidi Eldridge
Maureen Folenga
Jamie Garcia
Steve Gehring
Heather Groom
Scott Hale



Mike Hammond
Sarah Hansen
Malisa Heath
Shawn Hensler
David Hickman
Chris Hodnett



Shane Hogan
Beth Hornbeck
Rod Hughes
Jennifer Ivey
Don Jordan
Anna Joseph



Robin Joseph
Kevin Kellner
Julie Koebcke
Steph Kronen
Juli Lakin
Gina Leichy



Jason Lintner
Tom Lloyd
Tony Lloyd
Terry Luttrell
Scott Maenbrook
Jason Malone

Christy Mathew
Missi Messman
Mark Meyer
Connie Michal
Jim Miller
Julie Miller



Kelly Mitchell
Jeff Moit
Kristin Moriarty
Becky Mortill
Brien Murphy
Greg Murphy



Erica Murray
Gretchen Nagel
Julie Nuss
Amy Osman
Todd Ovetton
Kori Phladdeter



Chris Phegley
Kim Pierson
Lynn Potter
Greg Ports
Jennifer Putt
Jeff Raybum



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Rhonda Robinson
Troy Rule
Michele Sargent
Scott Sayers
Wade Schultz



Pat Schutterow
Dan Scripser
Susan Scripser
Tammy Shown
Janet Shuster
Melody Sizemore



Robert Smith
Leanne Spall
Walter Stanley
Kelly Steinke
Kim Steinke
Priscilla Strange





Nicole Sykes
Mike Tycheck
Chris Waling
Cory Watt
Jeanni Webb
Catrina Westfall



Johanna White
(Jamie Wicker)
Brian Wicks
Rick Wienrank
Kim Williams
Lana Williams



Chad Willis
Brian Wood
A.J. Wortley
Eric Woudema



Students in the junior class not pictured are Katrina Cole, Dan Gehring, Tonya Lane, Mike Luzzader, and Paul Justice.
Pictured above left are juniors Chris Hodnett and Chris Phegley obviously pretending to be studying. Above center is Kim Williams studying everyone's favorite subject, lunch. Pictured directly to the left is Julie Koebeke giving her opinion on school.

Amanda Alison
Jo Amsler



Dean Arndt
Joannie Benton



Mandee Budd
Brandon Cain



Leah Carroll
Blake Carter



Jesse Chambers
Jacob Chapman



Paul Cochran
Madonna Cook



Jeff Countryman
Anne Craig



Sophomores



The Class of 1992, the smallest at RCHS, found friendly territory in escaping the dreaded freshman year. Looking toward the future, grade 10 has begun several activities that will equip them for the next step through secondary school.

Collecting funds for the senior prom in 1991, the class amassed more money in their second year by a great amount. Cindy Fenton said, "It's tough raising the money, especially since we are a small class, but we can do it." This remains to be seen.

Outstanding sophomores include Sean Haligan as class presi-

dent, Eric Eaton as computer whiz (Eric was responsible for helping to set up the new IBM system and answer many questions that arose,) Desi Klopp continued her leadership in the spirit arena, Erica, Nicole, and Leah made giant varsity strides in women's sports, and John Rafferty was outstanding in his running skills.

All in all, the class of 1992 is looking forward to building on their early successes as Bombers, and they hope to move ahead in all areas of school life in the new decade.



Tammy Dale
Shellie Dobson
Tim Dobson
Kellie Doolin
Brian Duncan
Eric Eaton



Crystal Faucett
Cyndi Fenton
Angie Fenwick
Cindy Fishburn
Ronny Floyd
Joe Garcia



Aaron Gluth
Sean Halligan
Pat Hammond
Jason Harlan
Christina Harrington
Steve Hartley



Terri Herre
Bryan Hesson
Charity Hilton
Charles Hodnett
Josie Horton
Greg Hoyes



Mark Hurley
Kristen Hyvonen
Kelly Jordan
Brandon Keiper
Melinda Klaus
Tom Kleist



Desi Klopp
Cindy Lane
Missy Lanoue
Allen Linback
Jenny List
Oralia Longoria



Kerri Louck
Susan Lovely
Alison Malone
Michael Maniscalco
Derrick Manns
Rita Manns

Jason
Marchand
Don Meisner
Jeff Molenaar
Chuck Murphy
Tonya Nagel
Owana
Northcutt



John Ohannis
Carla Oliver
Christopher
Perkins
Amanda Plant
Jason Pullins
Jeremy Pullins



Tara Putt
John Rafferty
Tina Rater
Marcella Risner
Nikole Risner
Joy Robbins



Amanda
Rodeffer
Tim Sayers
Gretchen
Schenk
Kari Schrum
Mike Schrum
Derick Schultz



Wade Sellers
Tracey Smith
Bill Souza
Alicia Staddon
Kenny Starnes
Heather Steffen



Jenni
Steinkamp
Jason Swaggert
Tamee
Thompson
Tim Thompson
Wade Tillett
Mike Twynning



John Urbano
John Vohlken
Sarah Warren
John Warneke
Erica Webb
Lisa Weems





Carmela Whited
Sonny Williams
Mike Williamson
Chad Wilmington
Dawn Woodke
Chastidy Yeoman



Jerry Cross
Anne Hopkins



Upper left: Jeff Counryman works hard in health class. Upper right: Enca Webb walks quickly to class. Left: Jason Harlan gets a well deserved drink after a tough cross country race.

Dan Allee
Mike Allison



Heather Amsler
John Anderson



Michael Anderson
Matt Barlow



Jennifer Bean
Eric Beaver



Missy Beaver
Alan Best



Nathan Brown
Edwin Cain



John Chapman
Michael Chapman



Freshmen



Freshman year was very exciting for all. RCHS offered new and fun things to learn and do. Freshmen were given a little bit of the Seniors' "Bomber Pride" on the annual "Slave Day" and began this new chapter in their lives. Freshmen were glad to finally become a part of the close-knit Bomber family.

When a few freshmen were asked about their freshman year at RCHS, they replied that they enjoyed the experience because it was very different from middle school and it was a lot of fun. They added it was a big change but they adapted well.

The thing that one freshman, Tom Van Wiene, said was that high school "wasn't as boring" as his previous years in school. He also

thought that classes were "easier, explained more exactly."

Pepper Smith's reaction to slave day was that it was "fun, but (she was) afraid that they were going to kill me."

Looking back on the beginnings of his freshman year, Jeff Hitchings stated, "There is more competition in sports and in the classroom," but he is adapting well.

As to the early days as a freshman, Jen Bean felt that she made a lot more friends and echoed the challenge here at RCHS.

The freshmen picked their "Favorite Seniors" in a survey conducted by Courtney Stewart, and the results were (in this order) Shawna Mathew, Julie Steele, Mike Langley, Tom Fleming, and Trent Judy.



Jerry Chetnowsky
 Daniel Cole
 Jenny Conley
 Jason Cook
 Becky Craig
 Sherri Craig

Mistie Crapsey
 Kim Crouse
 Carla Curnutt
 Tracey Daniels
 Melissa Davis
 Deanna DeWees

Kim DeWees
 Julie Deno
 Avery Douglas
 Brad Dunlap
 Julie Eisele
 Jason Elijah

Misty Falkenburg
 Stephanie Filson
 Brandon Frazee
 Mike Garcia
 Greg Geesa
 Andy Gembala

Naralee George
 Mike Green
 Corey Groom
 David Groppe
 Joel Gutierrez
 Teresa Gurwein

Malia Hale
 David Hamer
 Jared Hancock
 Curt Hannon
 Miriam Hansen
 Julie Hensley

Jason Hinson
 Jeff Hirschings
 Ryan Hooker
 Mary Hull
 Wade Johnson
 Toby Jordan

Eric Justice
Anne Kanne
Matt Kenny
Kris Klimas
Jeremy
Klinkhamer
Jennifer Knouff



Steve Koebecke
Brad Kohlhausen
Kim Kronen
Jeremy Leichty
Craig Lewis
Steve Long



Art Longoria
Julie Luck
Jan Magnussen
Misty Manns
Joel Mason
Colleen Mathews



Jolie McCollum
Shannon McGraw
Jason Merhley
Patty Nagel
Chris Northcutt
Jamie Overton



Jason Overton
Greg Parker
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Jill Smith
Pepper Smith
Jason Spangle





Gabrielle Spence
Marna Spicer
Heather Stalbaum
Courtney Stewart
Darrin Stone
Jason Stowers

Mindy Suhr
Angie Tiede
Teresa Tomasello
Heather Ulm
Tom VanWiergen
Omar Villarreal

Sarah Waples
Colt Webb
Eric Whrtlow
Tim Widner
Keith Wing
Brian Zacher



Left: Valerie Erb dresses freshman slave Jill Smith on Senior Pride Day.
Above: Natalee George works on an English assignment.



Acting as

TEACHERS AND FACULTY WORK TO BUILD

a Guiding

A NATION'S FUTURE

Force

A teacher or faculty member at any high school performs many roles. At one moment, he or she is an educator, at another, an advisor or confidant. It requires a certain personality to be an effective member of the faculty. These people must have patience, understanding, and a general interest in the lives and futures of the students with whom they deal every day.

Many times, the faculty members may not seem appreciated by students or the community. But, without their guidance and knowledge, the future of the nation would be both unstable and questionable. Only educated citizens can lead the nation and shape our futures politically, economically, and internationally.

But, when the normal workday ended, the faculty member's job was still not complete. Secretaries, custodians and other faculty

members had to finish their last minute responsibilities. Teachers who worked as organization sponsors or sport's coaches dedicated extra time to the students and to the school.

In a time when education was suffering in the United States (especially in the larger cities) it was important to R.C.H.S. to have the kind of faculty which promoted academics, athletics, and extra-curricular activities. This encouraged school spirit and an education in not only academics, but also in society. The students at Rensselaer in 1990 were the leaders of the future, as we were reminded repeatedly. Perhaps in high school that future seemed far away, but in years to come and with gained responsibilities, the lessons we learned at school will come back to us as will our relations with the faculty.

Mr. Day
Mr. Crimmins



Mr. Baumann
Mrs. Baumann



Mr. Beehler
Mrs. Beehler



Mrs. Benner
Mr. Brandenburg



Mrs. Briggs
Mr. Burvan



Mr. Butler
Mrs. Cappuccilli



Mr. Hainje
Mrs. Hancock



Faculty



The school year 1989-90 saw new changes for the faculty at RCHS. Six new teachers joined the staff, assignments were changed, and virtually all of the staff members got acquainted with the new computer system installed over the summer of 1989.

Some of the changes in the faculty involved new faces, others were subject area moves. Mr. Doud and Mr. Zych joined the math department and brought their coaching talents with them. Mr. Edmonds moved from his long tenure as math teacher to the guidance department. Mrs. Benner shared Spanish class chores half day, while Mrs. Kimmel moved into the business department. Mr. Allen, fresh from the military, headed automobiles, and

Mr. McKinley assumed the choir and musical directors' positions.

The old metal shop became the new art room, and both the roominess and overall atmosphere of creating artistically were improved. Though out for most of the semester after his operation, Mr. Beehler felt that more good productivity was achieved by the move.

The biggest change in the school came when the old Commodore computers were replaced with IBM PS2's. The once quiet library became the host for half of the computers, while the lab in room 110 held the other half. Most of the school was linked together through the hard drive in the media center.



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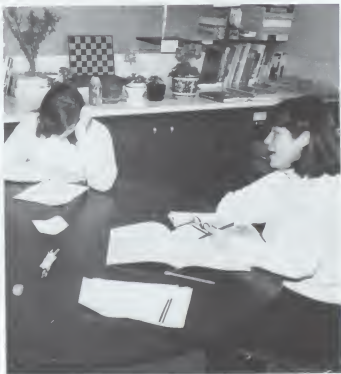


Mrs. Swartzell
Mr. Tait
Mr. Wamsley

A row of five black and white headshots of students. From left to right: a male student with dark hair and glasses; a male student with glasses and a collared shirt; a female student with blonde hair and glasses; a female student with blonde hair in pigtails; and a female student with dark hair.



Below left: Mrs. Hammersley and Mrs. Nesbitt discuss business on behalf of students Greg Parker and Wade Sellers. Below right: Mrs. Ward in her lecture mode.



Left: Mr. McKinley laughingly prepares to accompany choir. Above right: Mrs. Ripple works with Jennifer Knouff.

Disrupting the

ACTIVITIES ENABLES STUDENTS TO

Monotony of

DEVELOP TALENTS AND MEMORIES

the Year

The school year can become a "fuzzy" experience as one day slowly blends into another. The classes fall into patterns of homework and tests, and even extra-curricular activities become predictable practices and club meetings. Periodic activities can help break up this seemingly endless cycle as well as help students learn where their greatest talents truly lie.

Most students look forward to a time when they will be in the "lime light". Activities such as the Spring Musical, the Art Show, and Ag. Week allow students to show others their best work and abilities.

But the students actually involved in the activities aren't the only ones who benefit. The rest of the student body, as well as the faculty, staff, and community

can, for example, learn about different vocational and "artful" areas and talents which might otherwise be overlooked. These people are also able to see and appreciate the hard work and dedication given by students to their areas of expertise.

And, activities can also be fun. Many students enjoyed the idea and experience of Morp, the backwards prom. Students and the community alike were entertained by the three nighttime performances of the Spring Musical, *Carnival*.

With all of this support, these activities are sure to continue while students will hopefully bring many more into existence.



CARNIVAL

Once again the students of Rensselaer Central High School presented a spectacular spring play. This year's musical was "Carnival", a turn of the century romance set in a European traveling circus. The students delighted the audience with music, magic, and a bit of marvelous humor from the puppets in the show.

Many people both in and out of the cast worked very hard to make *Carnival* a success. Several of the cast members worked on the play through their spring break on sets and costumes. In the end the hard work paid off as Lily (played by Susie Lintner) and Paul (played by Matt Crouch) gave an outstanding performance with the puppets. The two other leads in the performance were Marco the Magnificent (Jamie Overton) and Rosalie (Shannon Barton).

There were several individuals outside the cast that worked very hard to help the show progress. Emmy Kreilkamp was the student director this year. She was responsible for the actual productions each night of the play. She also worked during the rehearsals directing, working with the light and sound crew, and publicizing the musical. Ms. Smith worked on costumes and Mrs. McKinley also helped out.

The students were very thankful for their help. Many of these students in the expressed hope for having more dramatic productions next year.



Above center Pricilla Strange applies her make-up to get ready for the performance. To the right Jenny Conley practices her juggling act. Directly above members of the cast rehearse "Yes My Heart" with Lili.



PUPPETS



Top left Lili (Susie Lintner) talks with the puppets. Above center Kevin Murphy is thoroughly suprized as Marco rips his shirt off. To the left Gina Leichty and Colleen Mathews practice their juggling act. Directly above Matt Crouch, Jeff Hitchings, and Rod Hughes prepare to go on stage.



To the right, Walter Stanley stands next to his painting of Marilyn Monroe. Upper right center, Student Council members get their picture taken after Morp. Directly below, many children look over the art projects. Bottom left, Nicole Sykes, Kelly Mitchell, and Jeani Webb put name tags on art projects. Right center, Cara Craig stands by her paintings. Far right, Stephanie Filson and Colt Webb dance after being crowned King and Queen of Morp. Bottom far right, Angie Tiede dances at Morp.





Art Show MORP

Spring Activities Are Successful

One of the many spring activities that was held this year was the first annual Morp dance, a new and fun experience for all students. The central idea of Morp was to have everything opposite of a prom (Morp backwards). Instead of wearing formal wear, students wore shorts, sweatshirts, and jeans. Many students went to McDonald's, Arby's, Petro Plus and various other fast food places for dinner. As with Prom, there was a king (freshman Colt Webb) and queen (freshman Steph Filson) elected.

A sincere thanks goes out to Mrs. Hancock and student council for making Morp 90' an enjoyable success.

Another spring activity was the annual Art Show. Many people came out to see all of the different works of art located in the hallways, small lecture hall, art room, and the gym. The Jasper County Art League, as well as former art students came, to do the judging. Various awards and ribbons were given to certain art works. Cara Craig received the best of show award.

HOSA: IT HOLDS THE FUTURE

HOSA is a club involved in many different activities to help promote club enthusiasm and recognition at RCHS. The members are in the Health Occupations class or are simply interested in the health professions. Many of the club's activities include the following: CPR training, the heart-beat festival, helping a boy who has Cerebral

Palsy with his daily exercise, and assisting with the Rensselaer blood mobile. Visible by their white uniforms, these future members of the medical profession provide valuable services at RCHS.

Top right are Maureen Folenga and Mrs. Nussbaum (sponsor) taking Ms. Smith's blood pressure. Top left Donita Curnutt learning CPR. Bottom right are Mike Tycek and Maureen Folenga learning to take temperatures. Bottom left is Anna Joseph doing the Heimlich Maneuver on a child.



FFA Brings Us the Farming Future



The correlation between classroom work and club attendance helps students prepare for future farming plans. Like most vocational courses, FFA gives students hands on experience that they will need for a farmer's life. Students worked hard to make the school year a

success by holding the annual petting zoo, having soil judging contests, and planting at the end of the year for a harvest. Top left Chris Kellner gets the combine ready for the fields. Top right are Paul Justice, Jerry Cross, Jeff Molenaar, Carl Mullins, Brian Murphy, and Wade Schultz.



Bottom left are Leanne Spall, Gray Clapp, and Chris Wailing looking at the animals at the petting zoo. Bottom right is Leanne Spall observing the animals, while Brandon Keiper and Jason Harlan also look on.



The End of *YEAR-END ACTIVITIES MADE MAY AND* The World as *JUNE AN EXCITING AND BUSY TIME* We Know It

As the 1990 school year closed, it did seem like the end of the world as we know it. The part of the world of RCHS which included the senior class was shaken apart after graduation, and even for those students who would be returning to Rensselaer in the fall, things would never be the same.

Each year of school is unique — made that way mostly by the students and their activities. Some of the most greatly anticipated activities, Funfest, Prom, and graduation, come at the end of the year. All of these could make the students forget, if only for a brief moment, finals and countdowns for the beginning of summer because they provided such wonderful distractions.

Funfest and Prom occurred during an apparently

rainy season at RCHS, but the raindrops couldn't drench the excitement which they brought, for they also left many memories. For instance, few who saw the juniors' risqué air band performance at Funfest would soon forget it. Before graduation, seniors were also given a break from some end-of-the-year worries when they were excused from the last two days of school added onto the calendar year from previous school cancellations.

The end of the year can be a time of excitement and also sadness, but the activities which it brings can make the time seem to pass much quicker especially with the upcoming summer providing enough distractions of its own.

Juniors: Too Live of a Crew



Funfest '90 Ends Year With a Bang



Once again RCHS held its annual Funfest competition on May 10. This year's contest had to be held indoors due to inclement weather. One of the events had to be dropped; however, not even the rain was enough to keep most of the spirited fans at home. Each class battled it out in events including the chicken fling, mini-triathlon, dodgeball, volleyball, and air band. The humorous festivities concluded as the sophomores won the overall contest, but the mighty juniors emerged as the victors earning the most spirit points for 1989-90.

To the far upper left, Mr. Crimmins is in a state of shock after being blasted with the dodgeball. Far lower left, seniors Cindy Pack, Jeremy Carroll, and Marie Barton play a round of volleyball. In the lower left center, juniors Walter Stanley and Christy Mathew prepare for the next event. Upper left center, the freshmen try their luck at chicken flinging. Directly above, (left to right) Paige Arihood, Jason Nesius, and Erin Beaver attempt the chicken fling. To the near left, senior air band members step into action.

WHEN THE NIGHT CAME

The juniors got a head start this year by using the old art room as a construction area for Prom '90. The week before, evenings were used to complete major construction and Friday ten juniors spent the day putting on the finishing touches.

The theme to the 1990 Junior-Senior Prom was "When the Night Comes," with scenery consisting of cityscapes. The highlight of the evening was the announcement of the court and the crowning of King Kevin Cochran and Queen Angie Lashbrook. Not even the persistent rain could put a damper on the spirits of the 106 couples who attended. The junior girls were the first to take the stage, eager to join in with the band Backstreet Five. The stage was full for the remainder of the evening with the energetic prom-goers living it up.

Post-prom activities included a record attendance to the breakfast provided by the Rensselaer Lions which was held at Curtis Creek Country Club.



...Prom 1990



Prom activities, clockwise from upper left: Cory Watt hangs balloons from ceiling at Halleck Center, Angie Lashbrook and Kevin Cochran dance as king and queen, (below) Leanne Spall and Chad Hickman smile for a photo, Juli Lakin strings lights, Kevin and Angie pose for a royal photo, Brian Chamness and Craig Hooker register with "hats on", Steph Kronen, Mark Meyer, and Christy Mathew exit Prom '90, and Laura Stefanich and John Flatt enjoy the festivities.



The senior class of 1990 imagined their futures on Sunday, June 3, 1990 during the Commencement exercise.

Somewhat of a tradition at Rensselaer, the seniors again chose a title from a song as their class theme. John Lennon's IMAGINE lent itself to the student written themes as the class of '90 explained what their futures might hold or what the world might have been without each other. Misty Williams, Kevin Cochran, Cara Craig, Matt Crouch, and Maia Kingman were chosen to share their thoughts with those attending the graduation.

Other speeches were presented by salutatorian Laura Stefanich and valedictorian Valerie Erb. Laura's speech was actually a poem which also followed the theme Imagine, describing the seniors' experiences throughout their school years. Valerie's oratory compared life until graduation as a game of follow-the-leader which ends with commencement.

After the speakers' presentations and selections performed by the choir and band, Mr. Day presented the seniors their diplomas, and Mrs. Dinsmore pronounced them graduates amid a rush of cheers and confetti.



A Time to Imagine



On the opposite page, top, Valerie Erb delivers her valedictory address. In the bottom picture, Kim Haun, Paula Herre, Chad Hickman, Terri Hicks, Kathie Hodnett, Craig Hooker, Jeremy Malia, and Scott Manns await their diplomas. On this page, top, Laura Stefanich presents her salutatorian address. In the lower left, Matthew Louck returns to his seat with his diploma. Directly below, the graduates celebrate their accomplishment.



Celebrating the Earth

On April 22, people across the world celebrated Earth Day. While only Americans participated in the original Earth Day of 1970, the environmental holiday of 1990 was accompanied by festivals and specials throughout many diverse countries.

During the late 1980's and into 1990, the environment caused a great deal of concern, not only in the minds of scientists, but also in the lives of average citizens. And, even though the environmental crisis may not have been as evident in rural Indiana as in larger cities, many community members tried to do their part in preserving nature.

On Earth Day, many Rensselaer citizens planted trees and enjoyed the warm and sunny weather. The following Wednesday at RCHS, the first meeting of a "sprouting" environmental club sponsored by Mr. Middleton was held. Concerned students, Cara Craig, Valerie Erb, Maia Kingman, and Dan Walker, started the organization because of increasing media coverage of environmental concerns and increased environmental discussions in classrooms.



In the top picture, Maia Kingman and Tamee Thompson demonstrate proper waste disposal encouraged by environmentalists. Directly above, Maia Kingman, Valerie Erb, and Tamee Thompson enjoy the green world. Directly right, Mr. Middleton introduces students to the goals of the environmental club.



Jerry Saylor and Shannon Willems were friends of all of ours. We all had one thing in common with these two; we all have feelings and care about each other. Shannon and Jerry liked to have fun and be with their friends. To all of us who were close to them, we knew them to be great friends and great people, both inside and out. To Jerry and Shannon we dedicate this and all the memories that still and always will linger in our heart.

— friends of Shannon and Jerry



Yesterday I thought of you,
And my heart shed a tear.
For the memories all but forgotten,
That always were so dear.
I wish we could have stopped in time,
No room for things to change.
I liked them just the way they were,
Now your absence seems so strange.
But really things have not been lost,
You're always in my mind.
Someday we'll be best friends again,
In a dream of another time.

— author unknown

I feel happiness inside,
The emptiness is gone.
And just now I realize,
It was with me all along.
So when you think that all is lost,
Remember what I say:
A little happiness inside,
Can go a long, long way.

— author unknown

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The patronage of these advertisers is greatly appreciated by the staff since it is a major source of yearbook funds. Like many organizations, funds are limited, and although staff members did enjoy their work on this magazine, they didn't look forward to the time when they would have to impose themselves on the local stores and firms. Still, most businesses welcomed staffers

when ad sales time came around, and although these businesses may have also been "attacked" by surrounding schools, their responses were, for the most part, encouraging and positive.

And, with this basis, the producers of *Chaos Magazine* were able to expand the number of pages in this special edition and represent RCHS to the fullest with a full color picture of Chaotic Crue on the cover. With further support of area businesses and students, the magazine can only get better.

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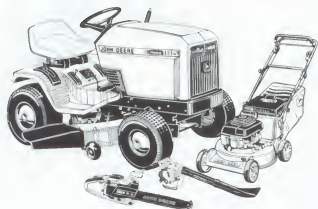
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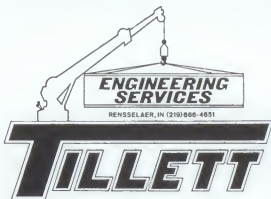
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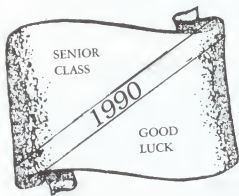
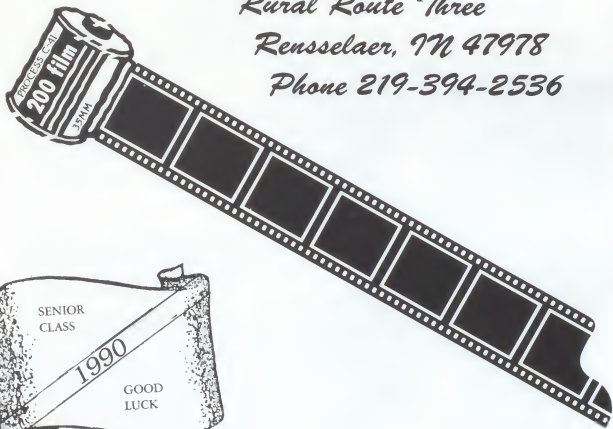
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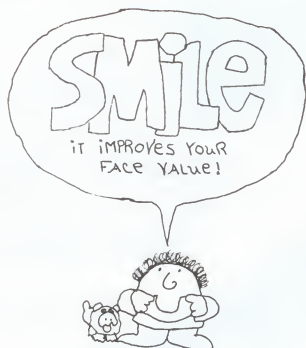
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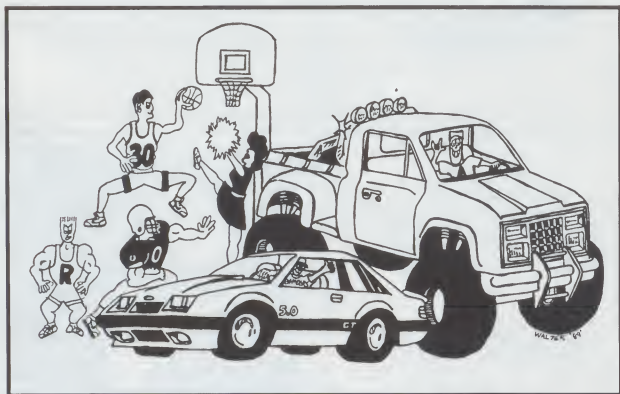
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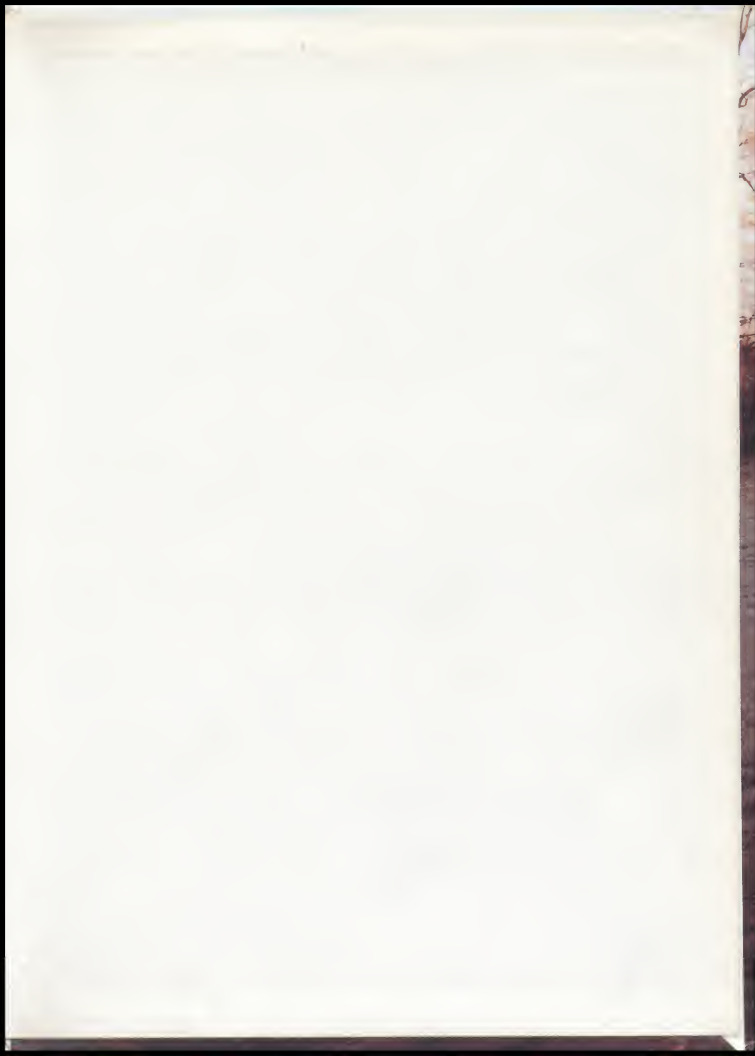
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